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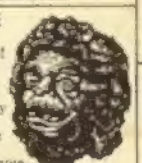

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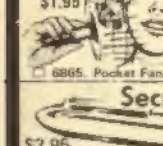

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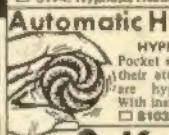

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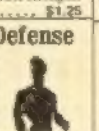

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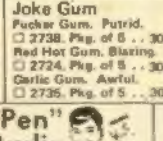

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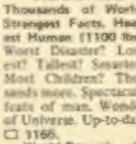

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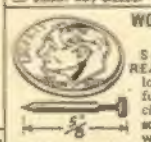

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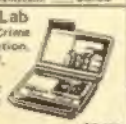

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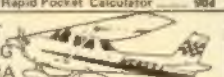

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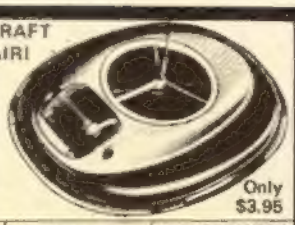

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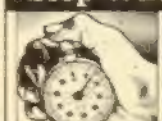

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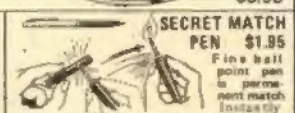

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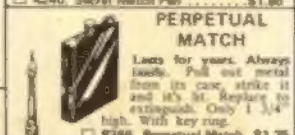

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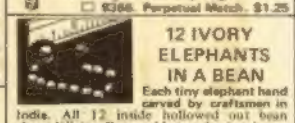

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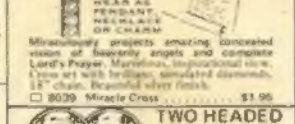

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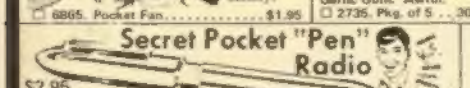

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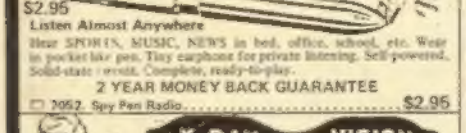

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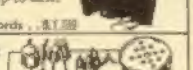

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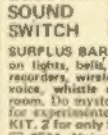

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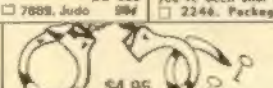

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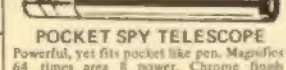

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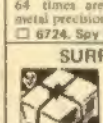

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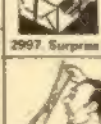

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IN THIS ISSUE, ROBIN, YOU MIGHT SAY WE'RE FIGHTING CRIME BY THE NUMBERS! AND THE THEME WAS INSPIRED BY OUR NEWEST ADVENTURE... A CLASH WITH OUR MOST UNPREDICTABLE FOE... TWO-FACE!
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HE'S THE CROOK WHO BASES HIS CRIMES ON THE NUMBER TWO! HE WAS ON THE SIDE OF THE LAW UNTIL A CRIMINAL SCARRED HALF HIS FACE WITH ACID! NOW HE'S A MIXTURE OF GOOD AND EVIL!
FACING THEIR GREATEST CHALLENGE...
BATMAN
WITH ROBIN THE TEEN WONDER
1922
THE RETURN OF TWO-FACE...
...HIS CRIMINAL GENIUS MORE DEVIOUS THAN EVER AS HE DEVISES A SCHEME TO EXTORT TWO BILLION DOLLARS FROM THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES! AND SHOULD THEY REFUSE... THE GOVERNMENT ITSELF MAY BE DESTROYED-- FOREVER!
FOLLOW THE DREAD BATMAN AS HE RACES TO STAVE OFF THE TERRIBLE...
"THREAT of the TWO-HEADED COIN!"
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NIGHT IN GOTHAM CITY... AND ON THIS BREEZE-SWEPT ROOFTOP IN A DECAYING NEIGHBORHOOD, TWO PAIRS OF EYES PEER AT A NEARBY BUILDING...
DID YOU RECOGNIZE THE TYPE WHO JUST ENTERED THE CLUB, ROBIN?
CHECK-- HE'S HOTSY TOTTER--
--THE ARSONIST! THAT MAKES FOUR KNOWN CRIMINALS IN THERE!
LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE PUTTING ALL THEIR YEGGS IN ONE BASKET!
ROBIN... PLEASE! JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE ON VACATION FROM HUDSON UNIVERSITY--
--DOESN'T MEAN YOU'VE GOT TO RESUME YOUR JUVENILE WAYS!
OKAY, ROBIN... SWING IT!
RIGHT! I'LL HIT 'EM HIGH--
--AND YOU HIT 'EM LOW!
THE BATMAN--!
CRAASHI
AN' THE BOY!
YOU'RE OUT OF DATE, CRUMB! I'M KNOWN AS THE TEEN WONDER THESE DAYS!
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COMMISSIONER GORDON GOT A TIP YOU THUGS WERE POURING INTO TOWN!
I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU'D CARE TO EXPLAIN?
THE CONTENTS OF THOSE BOTTLES WOULD HAVE ACCOMPLISHED THE SAME THING...ONLY SLOWER!
HOLD IT, HOTSY! FOR YOU, THE PARTY HAS HARDLY BEGUN!
IT'S A SINGING PARTY--
--AND YOU'RE THE STAR CANARY!
OKAY, CHUM--WARBLE! AND FOR YOUR SAKE, I HOPE I LIKE THE TUNE!
WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?
I SWEAR I DUNNO... WE GET THIS MESSAGE, SEE? MEET IN THE GOTHAM HOTEL, IT SAYS...
WE GO AN' THIS SMOOTH-LOOKIN' DUDE SAYS, LIKE, "THE POSITIONS HAVE BEEN FILLED!"
HE GIVES US EXPENSE MONEY AN' SAYS, LIKE, "YOU'RE DISMISSED!"
3

WE MET TO DROWN OUR SORROWS--HONEST!
COME ON, HOTSY!--YOU'VE GOT TO KNOW MORE! YOU MUST HAVE OVERHEARD SOMETHING!
WELL, YEAH...I DID! I HEARD THE DUDE MENTION ARKHAM!

CLUB
ARKHAM? BATMAN...THAT MUST MEAN--
--WE BETTER GET MOVING...AND HOPE WE'RE NOT TOO LATE!

FOUR HOURS LATER, AT A NEW ENGLAND INSTITUTION CALLED A HOSPITAL--A POLITE NAME FOR AN ASYLUM WHICH HOUSES THE CRIMINALLY INSANE...

...WHERE, INSIDE, THE CORRIDORS ARE FILLED WITH STINGING, CHOKING GAS!...
THE GUARDS AND STAFF ARE OUT! HURRY!
JUST ANOTHER SECOND, GENERAL HARRIS--

--THERE! THE LOCK'S CUT!
GOOD! I'LL TAKE OVER NOW!

WE INVITE YOU TO ACCOMPANY US, HARVEY DENT--TO FREEDOM!
SUCH AN OFFER I CAN'T REFUSE! BUT TELL ME...

...WHY ARE YOU DOING A FAVOR FOR ME--TWO-FACE?
I'LL EXPLAIN OUTSIDE!
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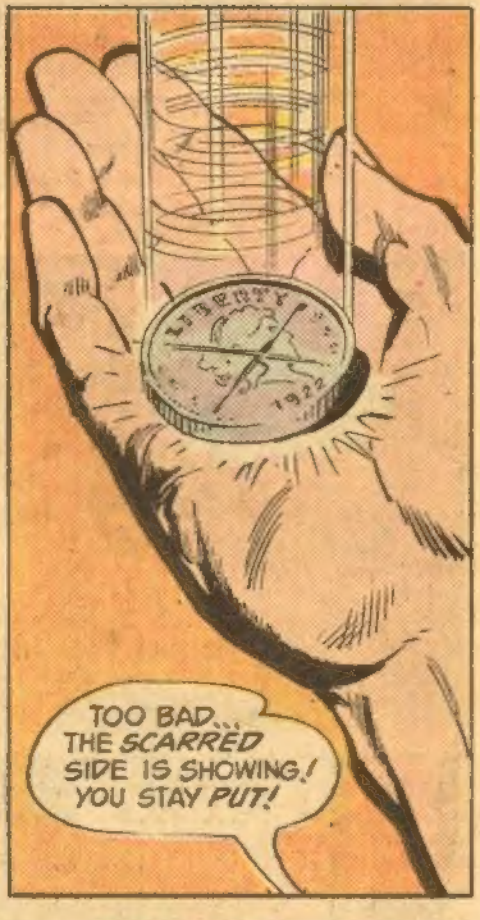
TWO-FACE, DEAR BUDDY-BUDDY... SURELY YOU WON'T QUIT THIS GHASTLY PLACE WITHOUT TAKING ME--

...YOUR FRIEND OF FRIENDS-- THE JOKER!

I'LL LET MY TWO-HEADED COIN DECIDE, JOKER! IF THE CLEAN SIDE LANDS UP, YOU COME!


TOO BAD... THE SCARRED SIDE IS SHOWING! YOU STAY PUT!

THE COIN KNOWS BEST! IT'D BE A TERRIBLE MISTAKE TO FREE A VICIOUS MURDERER LIKE YOU, JOKER!
YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS, YOU DOUBLE-CROSSER!
I HAVE A GETAWAY CAR WAITING, TWO-FACE!

THEN, IN THE YARD...
SNIFF THE AIR, ROBIN! THE GUARDS HAVE BEEN GASSED--!
BATMAN...LOOK! BY THE FENCE-- TWO-FACE!
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YOUR YEARS AS A GUEST OF THE STATE HAVEN'T HELPED YOUR RUNNING TECHNIQUE, TWO-FACE!
YOUR BREAKOUT IS OVER--
--BEFORE IT'S REALLY BEGUN...
HUH? YOU'RE NOT TWO-FACE!
RIGHT, BATMAN!
I'M HARRY HIGBY... AN ACTOR!
I WAS HIRED BY A DUDE CALLING HIMSELF JOHN HARRIS TO IMPERSONATE TWO-FACE!
HE AND THE REAL TWO-FACE ESCAPED BY THE BACK ROAD!
YOU'RE HIS DOUBLE... A TYPICAL TWO-FACE TRICK!
HARRIS... HARRIS-- THE NAME IS FAMILIAR!
SURE--HE'D BE GENERAL JOHN HARRIS ...A RETIRED MILITARY MAN WHO SAYS THE NATION IS GOING--
--GOING TO THE DOGS! DON'T YOU AGREE, MISTER DENT?
I PREFER TO BE ADDRESSED AS TWO-FACE, HARRIS!
HARVEY DENT WAS A DISTRICT ATTORNEY-- HANDSOME ...ADMIRED!
WHEN THAT ACID STRUCK HIM, HE BECAME ME--A CRIMINAL ...UGLY...HATED!

VERY WELL, SIR--HENCEFORTH, YOU ARE TWO-FACE!
YOU HAVE HEARD MY PROPOSAL, SIR--
--WHAT DO YOU THINK?
IT COULD WORK, GENERAL--PROVIDED YOU HAVE THE NECESSARY SCIENTIFIC HELP!
HE HAS! --ME!
I AM SAMUEL SMITH-SMYTHE, LATE OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION!
I HAVE CHOSEN TO GO INTO PRIVATE BUSINESS--WHERE THE REWARDS ARE CONSIDERABLY GREATER THAN GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION!
I APPROVE OF YOUR LAST NAME!
YES, THE GENERAL WAS CERTAIN YOU WOULD!
SO--WE HAVE THE PLAN...THE SCIENTIST! WE LACK ONLY THE GENIUS OF TWO-FACE TO MAKE US ALL RICH!
YOUR DECISION, SIR?
NOT MY DECISION--
--THE COIN'S!
THE SCARRED SIDE WINS! I'LL DO IT!
FINE! I'LL ALERT THE ORGANIZATION AND...
YOU'LL DO NOTHING! I AM IN CHARGE FROM NOW ON! I GIVE THE ORDERS!
SEE HERE! I ENGINEERED YOUR ESCAPE! I PLANNED THE JOB! I DESERVE THE POSITION OF LEADERSHIP!
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IMBECILE... AMATEUR! YOU DESERVE TO DIE! BE GRATEFUL I DON'T END YOUR MISERABLE EXISTENCE IMMEDIATELY!
HARRIS, I SEE THE HATE SEETHING IN YOUR EYES... AND I RELISH IT!
YOU'LL REGRET YOUR TREATMENT OF ME, TWO-FACE--
--I SWEAR IT!
--A VOW THE DISGRUNTLED EX-OFFICER ACTS UPON! FOR, SOON...
WE SAW THE BAT-SIGNAL, COMMISSIONER GORDON... AND CAME A' SWINGING!
THE GENTLEMAN WITH YOU IS HARRIS?
YES--HE HAS NEWS OF TWO-FACE!
THE FIEND'S PLANNING A TRUCK HIJACKING--
--TO STEAL A SHIPMENT OF URANIUM ORE--AT THIS SPOT ON THE POST ROAD AT PRECISELY THREE TOMORROW MORNING!
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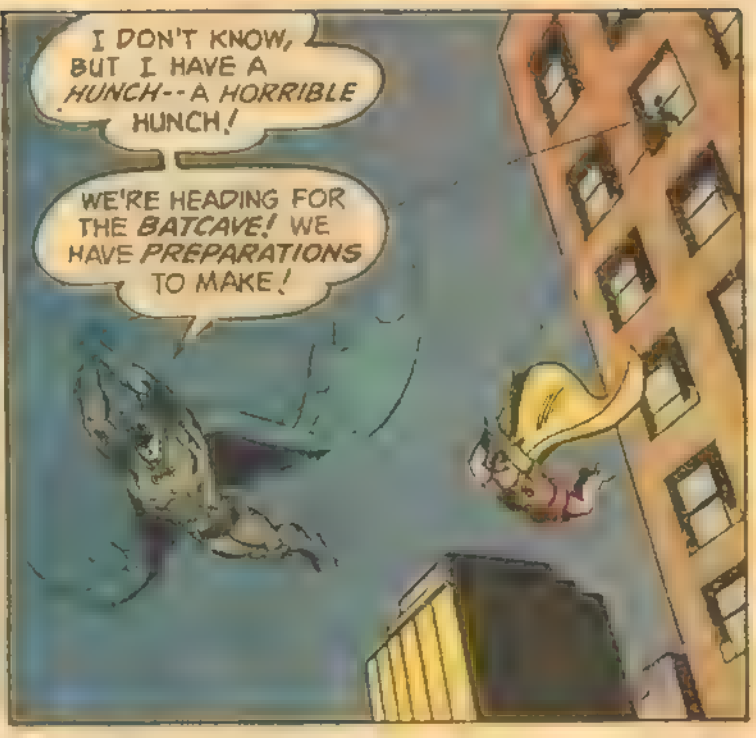
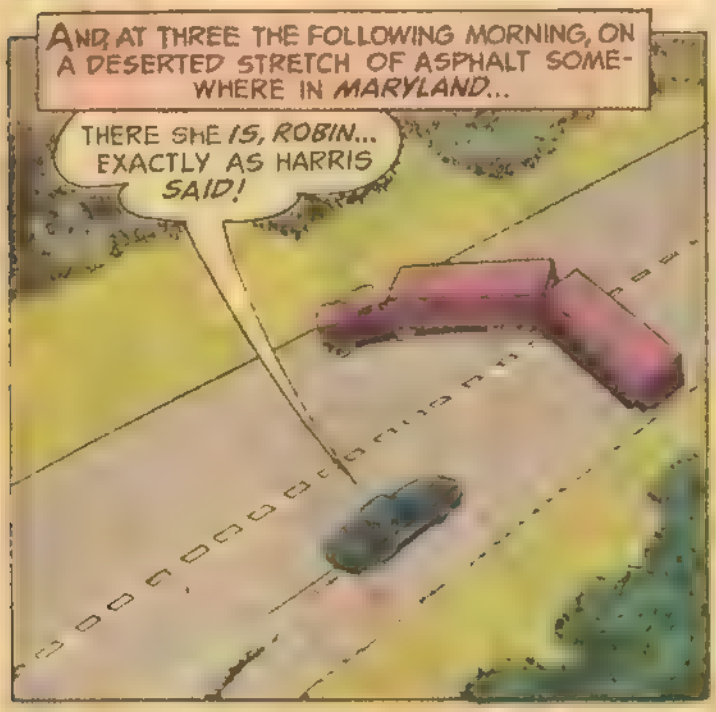
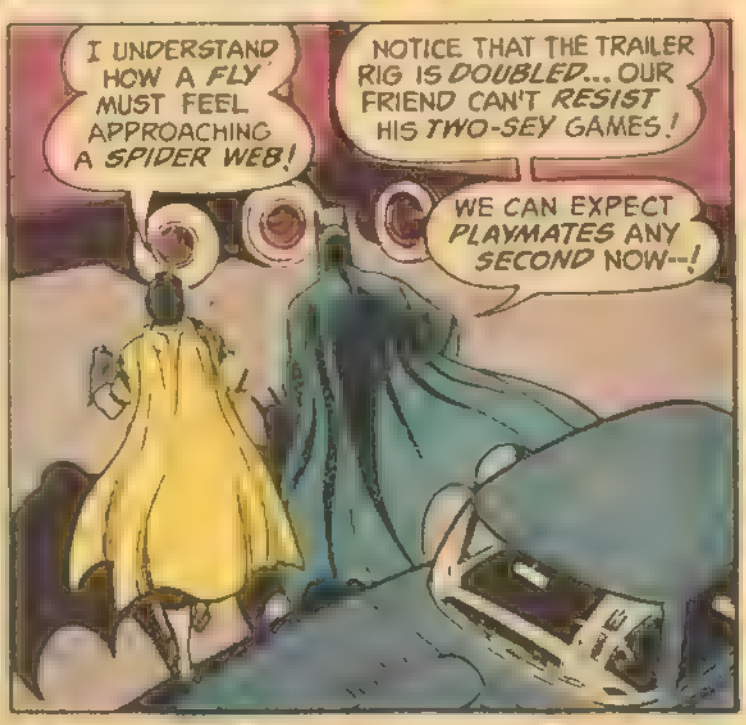
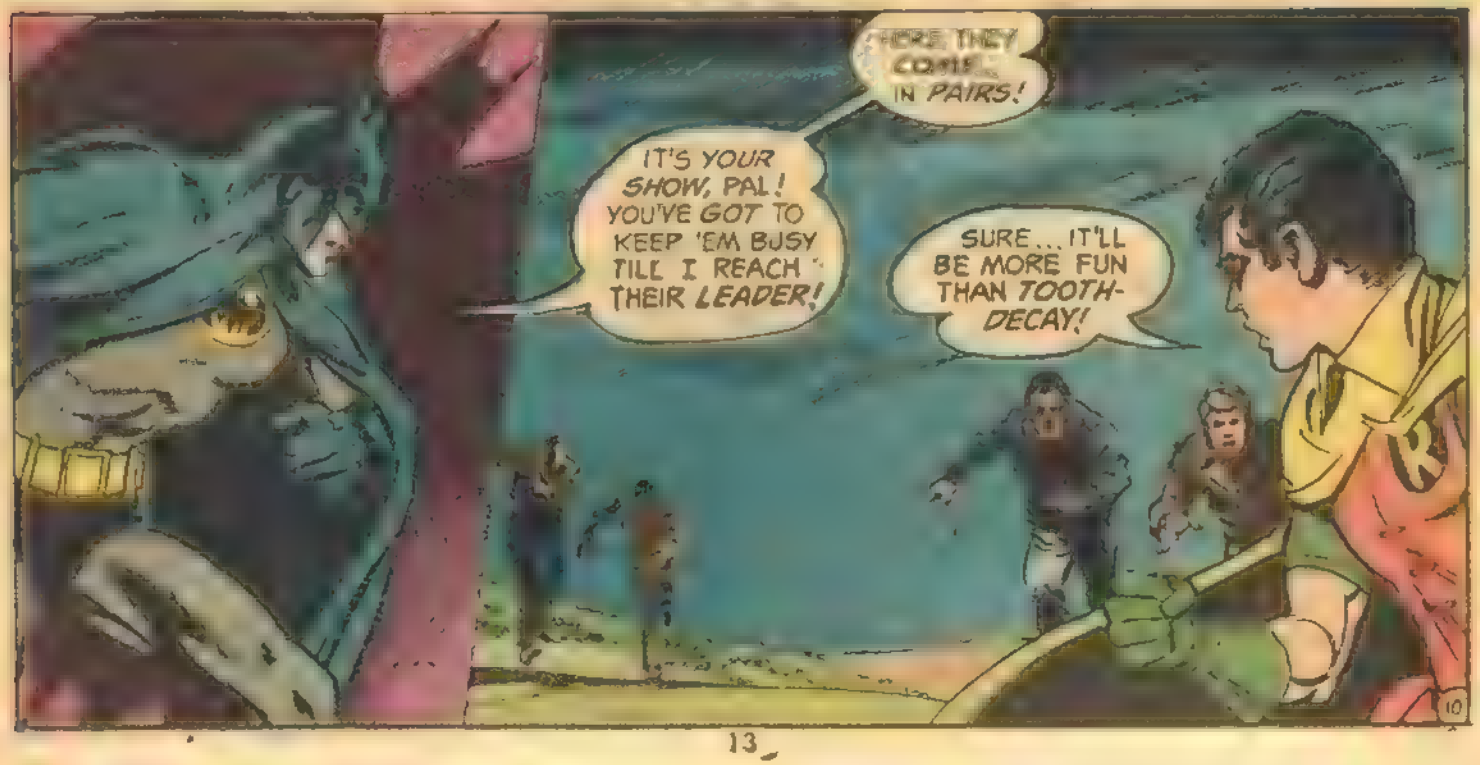
NO WAY, MISTER! TWO-FACE WOULDN'T PULL A JOB AT THREE... ON A SINGLE LANE HIGH-WAY--
--ESPECIALLY WHEN THERE'S A FORK TWO MILES AWAY!
THIS IS YOUR PLAN, ISN'T IT?
Y-YES...
I HATE ALL OUR COUNTRY HAS BECOME! I WANTED REVENGE ...SO I DEVISED A BLACKMAIL SCHEME!
I DIDN'T REALIZE THE EVIL...
AAHHRG! I CAN'T STAND MYSELF!
HARRIS... NO!
FIFTEEN FLOORS... THE POOR DEVIL--!
BATMAN... WHAT COULD HE HAVE MEANT BY BLACKMAIL?
COMMISSIONER, DO YOU KNOW HOW AN ATOMIC BOMB WORKS?
BASICALLY, IT'S QUITE SIMPLE! A PIECE OF RADIOACTIVE ORE --URANIUM-- AT EITHER END OF A TUBE!--
--A PAIR OF SMALL EXPLOSIONS FORCES THEM TOGETHER, CAUSING A CHAIN-REACTION--
URANIUM
PROJECTILE

--AND BOOM!
TWO PIECES OF ORE... SURE! TWO-FACE WOULD GO FOR THAT!
WHEW! YOU THINK HE'LL USE AN ATOM BOMB TO EXTORT MONEY?
--HOW?


I DON'T KNOW, BUT I HAVE A HUNCH--A HORRIBLE HUNCH!
WE'RE HEADING FOR THE BATCAVE! WE HAVE PREPARATIONS TO MAKE!


AND AT THREE THE FOLLOWING MORNING, ON A DESERTED STRETCH OF ASPHALT SOMEWHERE IN MARYLAND...
THERE SHE IS, ROBIN... EXACTLY AS HARRIS SAID!


I UNDERSTAND HOW A FLY MUST FEEL APPROACHING A SPIDER WEB!
NOTICE THAT THE TRAILER RIG IS DOUBLED... OUR FRIEND CAN'T RESIST HIS TWO-SEY GAMES!
WE CAN EXPECT PLAYMATES ANY SECOND NOW--!


HERE THEY COME... IN PAIRS!
IT'S YOUR SHOW, PAL! YOU'VE GOT TO KEEP 'EM BUSY TILL I REACH THEIR LEADER!
SURE... IT'LL BE MORE FUN THAN TOOTH-DECAY!
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WITH UNQUENCHABLE COURAGE, ROBIN MEETS HIS FOES AND TEARS INTO THEM LIKE A FEROCIOUS BIRD OF PREY!
--FINALLY, HOWEVER, EVEN SUCH A GALLANT CHAMPION MUST SUCCUMB TO OVERWHELMING ODDS
UNNGH!
MEANWHILE-- HIS MENTOR HAS BEEN CHARGING WITH EXPRESS-TRAIN VELOCITY TOWARD HIS DOUBLE-DEALING FOE..
YOU BOYS WILL NEVER MAKE THE MIAMI DOLPHINS WITH THAT CRUDDY TECHNIQUE!
AH... THE BATMAN! AS WITTY AS EVER--

--OR SHOULD I SAY... HALF-WITTED?
NO MATTER... YOUR FLAPPING TONGUE WILL SOON BE QUIETED BY THIS DOUBLE-BARRELED GUN--
IF I'M SUPPOSED TO START TREMBLING IN FEAR--
--FORGET IT!
I'D BE DISAPPOINTED IN YOU IF YOU ACTED OTHERWISE, BATMAN!
FSSSSSSSS!
OUR MEETINGS ARE LIKE A FAMILIAR DRAMA-- I'VE GROWN USED TO THEM - OVER THE YEARS--
--BUT NOT SO USED TO THEM THAT I DON'T WISH TO REWRITE THE CLIMAX!
DARTS...
...TIPPED WITH POISON, I EXPECT...
NOTHING FATAL, I ASSURE YOU!
MERELY A SLEEPING POTION ...DOUBLE STRENGTH, OF COURSE!
WHATEVER... IT WON'T STOP ME...
...FR-FROM LAYING... HANDS ON... Y-Y..
THEY'RE TRICKY, THIS ..AH-- DYNAMIC DUO! REMOVE THEIR UTILITY BELTS AND SEARCH THEM -- THOROUGHLY!
LOOK UNDER THE COSTUMES...THE BOOTS -- ANYWHERE THEY MIGHT HIDE AN ESCAPE-DEVICE!
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EXACTLY TWENTY-THREE HOURS LATER, IN THE NATION'S CAPITOL--
--A VERY IMPORTANT OFFICIAL BRINGS A MEETING TO ORDER!
YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE! WE TWO HOUSES OF CONGRESS--THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES -- ARE MET TO DISCUSS A SERIOUS PROBLEM--
--A PROBLEM WHICH AFFECTS US ALL!
MORE THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE, SIR!
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF YOUR OUTBURST, GUARD? DON'T YOU REALIZE--?
I REALIZE THAT I AM IN CHARGE OF THIS GATHERING... AND YOU HAD BETTER LISTEN TO ME--CAREFULLY!
MY FORMER ASSOCIATE --THE LATE GENERAL JOHN HARRIS-- DID ME THE SERVICE OF SWITCHING DESKS--
OBSERVE-- THIS DESK IS SPECIALLY CONSTRUCTED!
I TOUCH THIS SPOT AND...
...THE FRONT IS FALLING DOWN!
MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, YOU ARE LOOKING AT A CRUDE ATOMIC BOMB, SIMILAR TO THE ONE USED ON HIROSHIMA!
IF I PRESS THIS BUTTON, THE ENTIRE CAPITAL WILL BECOME A MUSHROOM CLOUD-- INCLUDING US!
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AND PRESS IT I CERTAINLY SHALL, SHOULD YOU REFUSE MY DEMAND--WHICH IS TWO BILLION DOLLARS IN BULLION AND PRECIOUS GEMS!
DELIVER MY PRICE TO A FREIGHTER AND PREPARE AN ESCORT OUT OF U.S. WATERS--
--OR THE NATION'S LAWMAKERS WILL BECOME PART OF A SPECTACULAR FIREWORKS DISPLAY!
GBS TV
MISTER PRESIDENT! I UNDERSTAND YOU'RE WATCHING ON TELEVISION! HEAR ME--
--I GIVE YOU TWELVE HOURS... UNTIL TWO P.M.! THEN... THE END!
AND BATMAN... YOU ALSO ARE WATCHING--! ARE YOU READY TO ADMIT MY GENIUS IS GREATER THAN YOURS?
NOT QUITE!
BATMAN... YOU'RE AWAKE!
YES, ROBIN... AND EVERYTHING IS PROCEEDING EXACTLY AS I FIGURED!
I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU'D CARE TO EXPLAIN?
IT WAS A DEAD CERTAINTY THAT TWO-FACE WOULD HIJACK THE URANIUM ORE SOMEWHERE OTHER THAN THE SPOT SELECTED BY HARRIS--
--AS HE OBVIOUSLY DID! HE WANTED US TO WALK INTO HIS TRAP!
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OTHERWISE, HE NEVER WOULD HAVE LET HARRIS FREE TO CONTACT US! THE QUESTION WAS... WHY?
AND THE ANSWER IS-- THAT DOUBLE-DEALER COULDN'T MISS A CHANCE TO GLOAT-- TO HUMILIATE US!
AND HE'S WON, BATMAN! OUR BELTS ARE GONE--
--WE'VE BEEN FRISKED! WE HAVEN'T A PRAYER OF GETTING AWAY!
MAYBE! REMEMBER THE PREPARATIONS I MENTIONED?--WELL, I HID A THERMAL FLARE IN MY LEFT BAT-EAR-- A PLACE I WAS CONFIDENT TWO-FACE WOULDN'T SEARCH!
AND--WITH A BIT OF PRESSURE, IT WILL BREAK--
SNAP!
--AND FALL INTO MY PALM!
WHEN I SNAP OFF THE TIP, THE FLARE WILL...
...IGNITE-- AND BURN HOTTER THAN A TORCH!
SSSS

WITHIN MINUTES...
PRETTY NIFTY! WHENEVER I BEGIN TO THINK I'VE GOT NOTHING ELSE TO LEARN FROM YOU, YOU PROVE ME WRONG!
CALL IT EXPERIENCE! THAT... AND AN UNDERSTANDING OF MY FOE! WE ARE ALIKE!
YOU... LIKE TWO-FACE?-- NO WAY!
WRONG, ROBIN! HE'S OBSESSED WITH THE INTERPLAY BETWEEN GOOD AND BAD!
ME, I'M OBSESSED WITH CRIME! IF MY PARENTS HADN'T BEEN GUNNED DOWN, I'D BE AN ORDINARY CITIZEN TODAY!
BUT ENOUGH PSYCHOLOGY! WE'VE GOT WORK TO DO!
I KNOW WHERE I'M GOING--BACK TO HUDSON UNIVERSITY --AND CLASSES!
FIRST, WE HAVE TO FIND OUT WHERE WE ARE... AND WHERE WE GO NEXT!
FROM NOW ON, BATMAN, YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN!
SIX HOURS PASS... SEVEN, EIGHT, NINE-- AND...
I TRUST YOU SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES APPRECIATE YOUR SITUATION... I USE TWO HOUSES OF CONGRESS TO GAIN WEALTH--
-- PROVIDED THE PRESIDENT VALUES YOU, THAT IS!
TWO-FACE... I'VE JUST SPOKEN WITH THE PRESIDENT!
HE SAYS HE CAN'T DO AS YOU ASK IN THE TIME-LIMIT SET! HE ASKS YOU TO RECONSIDER!
NO! ABSOLUTELY NOT!
BUT YOU WILL DIE WITH US!
16

DO I CARE? MY LIFE IS A TORMENT OF UGLINESS! DO YOU REALLY THINK I FEAR DEATH?
WITH TWO BILLION, I CAN BUY PEOPLE WHO WILL PRETEND NOT TO NOTICE MY HIDEOUSNESS!
THEN I CAN BURY MYSELF IN A DREAM A DREAM OF BEAUTY!
HE'S A POOR, SAD, SICK CREATURE!
DON'T FEEL SORRY FOR HIM, SIR! SAVE YOUR PITY FOR US... THE CITY THE COUNTRY!
TWO MORE HOURS TICK BY... AND MOST OF A THIRD--
HEAR ME, CONGRESS-- THE FATAL HOUR IS NEARLY UPON US!
IN FIVE MINUTES, I PRESS THE BUTTON AND WE ALL BECOME PART OF A GRAND PYROTECHNICAL DISPLAY--
PRETTY WORDS-- TWO-FACE-- BUT UNWORTHY OF YOU!
I'VE ALWAYS CONSIDERED YOU A UNIQUE VILLAIN... YET YOU BEHAVE LIKE A COMMON THUG!
I WON'T BOTHER ASKING HOW YOU ESCAPED, BATMAN--
...NOR WILL I ALLOW MYSELF TO BE TRICKED BY YOU!
I WARN YOU-- STAY BACK!
YOU'RE NOT BEING TRUE TO YOURSELF! YOU'RE NOT GIVING GOOD AN EQUAL CHANCE WITH EVIL!
17

THE COIN, TWO-FACE! DO YOU DARE TOSS THE COIN?
OR WILL YOU ADMIT YOU'VE BECOME TOTALLY CORRUPT?
I...I'LL TOSS IT, BLAST YOU!
THE UNMARRED FACE LANDED UP!
PUT DOWN THE DETONATOR-- AND WE'LL SETTLE WHAT'S BETWEEN US-- MAN-TO-MAN!
YES, YES...IT'S ALWAYS LIKE THIS! IN THE END...JUST YOU AND ME!
18

OUR BOND OF HATRED CAN'T BE SETTLED. EVEN BY THE COIN!
W-WAIT! YOU DID TRICK ME!
BOTH SIDES ARE UNMARRED!
YOU SWITCHED COINS... AS YOU GRABBED ME AFTER I'D SHOT YOU!
YOU CHEATED!
NECESSARY-
YOU CHEATED.. SO I'M NOT BOUND BY THE AGREEMENT!
THE BOMB GOES OFF!
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THUS, THE BATMAN STANDS OVER HIS FALLEN FOE, HIS TRIUMPH TEMPERED WITH UNDERSTANDING...AND A KIND OF SORROW...
END
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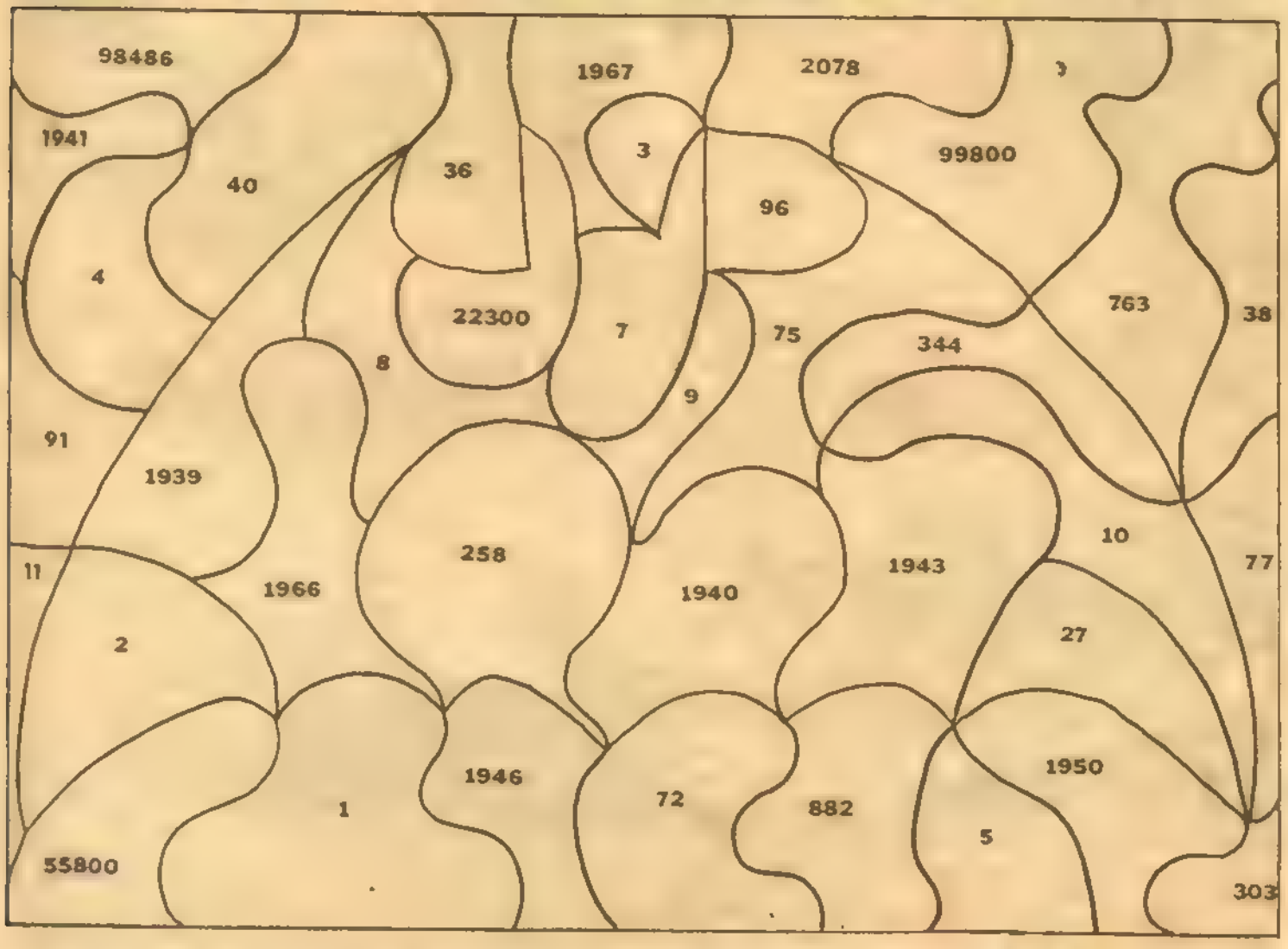
BAT-PUZZLE

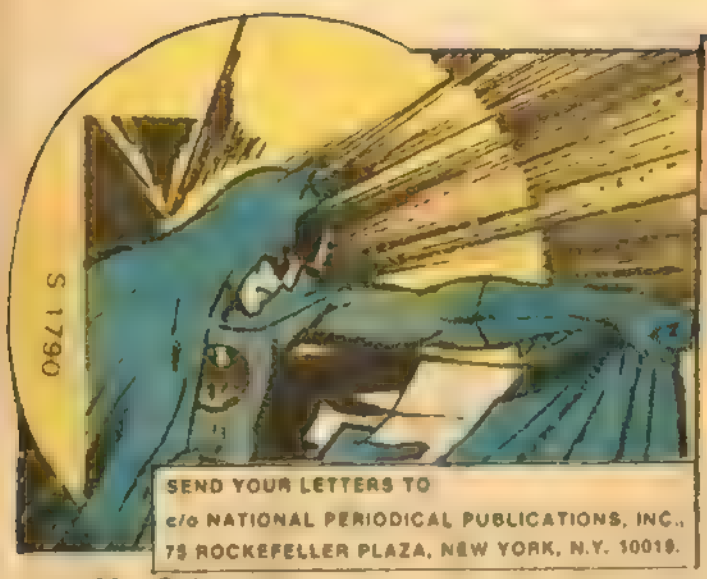
by Bob Rozakis



Here's a special BAT PUZZLE that has to do with numbers. To do it, you'll need a pen or pencil—and a black crayon.
First, figure out the correct answers to the questions below. Then, fill in the spaces in the design above that correspond to the answers and you'll see a surprise picture if you've answered them all correctly. (Example: If the question is—How many letters in the name BATMAN? The answer is 6 so you'd fill in the space numbered "6" above.) Good luck.

1. What is the issue number of the BATMAN comic you now hold? _____
2. DC's offices are located at . Rockefeller Plaza? _____
3. How many original members were there in the Mystery Analysts? _____
4. Harvey Dent became the criminal called ..... Face _____
5. Batman first appeared in the year ..... _____
6. His first appearance was in DETECTIVE COMICS # _____
7. The first issue of BATMAN appeared in ..... _____
8. Batman was one of the .... original members of the Justice League. _____
9. JLA headquarters, an orbiting satellite is ..... miles above the Earth. _____
10. A Batman foe of a couple of years back was called "The Man With ..... Eyes!" _____
11. Catwoman uses a type of whip known as a "cat o' .... tails." _____
12. The Batman TV show first appeared in ..... _____
13. The first Batman movie serial appeared in . _____
14. If Batman wanted to visit Clark Kent, he would have to go to ..... Clinton Street _____

Answers on page 58



LETTERS to the BATMAN

Dear Mr. Schwartz:

I believe you were responsible for **BATMAN #256**! After all, you are the **editor**, aren't you? I don't see how you could have done it! How could you put out such a GREAT issue! I repeat . GREAT!!!

Ah! "Catwoman's Circus Caper!" **Selina Kyle** is back! I was disappointed to find that she wasn't the real villain of the story, but it made for a very interesting plot anyway. This story shows that you should definitely stick with the **Dynamic Duo** instead of the so-so solos. The art was, of course, great. Irv Novick and Dick Giordano are beyond a shadow of a bat, your best **Batman** artist team. By the way, who's your colorist? Whoever he is, he does a great job! Excellent choice on the reprints there. All were extremely interesting and I love reading about the **Bat-Cave** and the trophies within.

—SCOTT TAYLOR, Rockville, IN.

("Catwoman's Circus Caper" was colored by longtime DC rainbow-master, Jerry Serpe. But your "Taylor"-made enthusiasm for the story is not shared by our next "un-Mercy-ful" correspondent! . . . BR)

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Julieeee!!!

The Plot: **Robin** finds a mystery, almost gets killed, is saved by **Batman**, **Robin** declares the case closed, but **Batman** calls him stupid and solves the whole thing himself. "Night of the Reaper," you ask? No! "Catwoman's Circus Caper!" Go jump in the lake, Denny O'Neil! **Robin** doesn't need a mustache — he was more grown-up and self-sufficient in "Brothers in Crime!" And **Catwoman**? No guile, no ruthless Bat-huntress, but a tame tabbie, easily caught. Bah, Humbug!

— MERCY VAN VLACK, Norristown, PA.

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Dear Bat-Editor:

"Catwoman's Circus Caper," with nostalgic elements such as **Catwoman**, **Robin**, and even the use of the famed **Bat-Cave**, still had the feeling of being an ultra-modern tale. **Bruce's** frustration at the end of the story — "the woman I can care for is always an enemy" angle — was very good. It is something that has always been hinted at, but not really spoken of.

I, for one, would like to see a regular romantic interest in **Bruce's** life. We all know that **Bats** is destined to marry, as shown in the **Super-Sons** series in **WORLD'S FINEST**. Let's meet that woman!

The most imaginative twist in the story is having the **Catwoman** NOT be the real villain. Everyone always assumes the featured criminal is the culprit. Not this time! The **Broderick** contents page was powerful. Who is this **Broderick** dude, anyhow? I've noticed his mood-filled drawings before and now I see he's even illustrated a two-page story, "If Bruce Wayne Hadn't Become the Batman!" The piece was fairly original. Who wrote it?

— RICH SAWYER, LaPorte, IN.

("Peerless Pat" Broderick, complete with his Florida accent, was the first artist to work under our Junior Bullpen program started by DC last summer. He has done a number of contents pages and features for our line of 100-page books. By the way, the "If Bruce Wayne . . ." feature was written by Pat's Bullpen cohort, Martin "Pesky" Pasko! . . BR)

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Dear Editor:

BATMAN #256 had several elements I enjoyed as well as several that I did not. The reprints were all excellent, with the lone exception being the story about **Batman Island**. The short feature on the different symbols **Batman** could have used was well done and tongue-in-cheek.

But the main reason I wrote this letter is that you seem to be bringing back the villains who were gone so long. The **Catwoman** story was not up to the standard set by recent tales featuring **The Joker** and **Two-Face**. You see, I feel that a villain moved by deep emotional reasons is a far more interesting character than one motivated by the challenge of trading wits with **Batman**. This is why the **Joker** and **Two-Face** stories were fascinating, for these two men are consumed by their two separate inner demons. **Selina Kyle**, alias **The Catwoman**, has no such demon, nor does **The Penguin**. So before your villain stories start to deteriorate, either pick your Bat-foes with care or leave them out altogether.

— ANTONE PERRY, Denair, CA.

(Okay, readers, what say you? Are certain villains unsuited for combat with the Caped Crusader? Which ones should we use . . . or not use? We'll be waiting to hear from you on what will be our next great debate. In the meantime, a page on our current controversy — what to do about ROBIN — appears elsewhere in this issue . . . BR)

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OUR FIRST STORY REVOLVED AROUND THE NUMBER TWO! THIS CASE INVOLVES THREE SMART CROOKS!
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IN FACT, IT'S NOT REALLY ONE STORY, BUT THREE! AND YOU CAN HEAR IT FROM THE MOUTHS OF THE THREE CRIMINALS THEMSELVES!
BATMAN
WITH
ROBIN
THIS IS A STORY OF THREE OF A KIND--OF A TRIO OF ROGUES WHO FORMED A TRIPLE-THREAT AGAINST LAW AND ORDER--SO THAT CRIME WOULD PAY! THE BATMAN AND ROBIN THE BOY WONDER FIND PERILOUS THREE-STAR ADVENTURE WHEN THEY CLASH WITH THIS TRIUMVIRATE OF TROUBLE AND SMASH A TRI-TERROR COMBINE IN THE SAGA OF--
"THE THREE RACKETEERS!"
STORY: BILL FINGER
ART: DICK SPRANG
BOB KANE
EVERY STORY HAS A BEGINNING
OURS BEGINS IN A SMALL ROOM WHERE THREE MEN SIT AND PLAY CARDS---
AW! I DON'T KNOW WHY I'M SITTING HERE AND PLAYIN' PENNY-ANTE GAMES! I'M USED TO DOIN' BIG THINGS!
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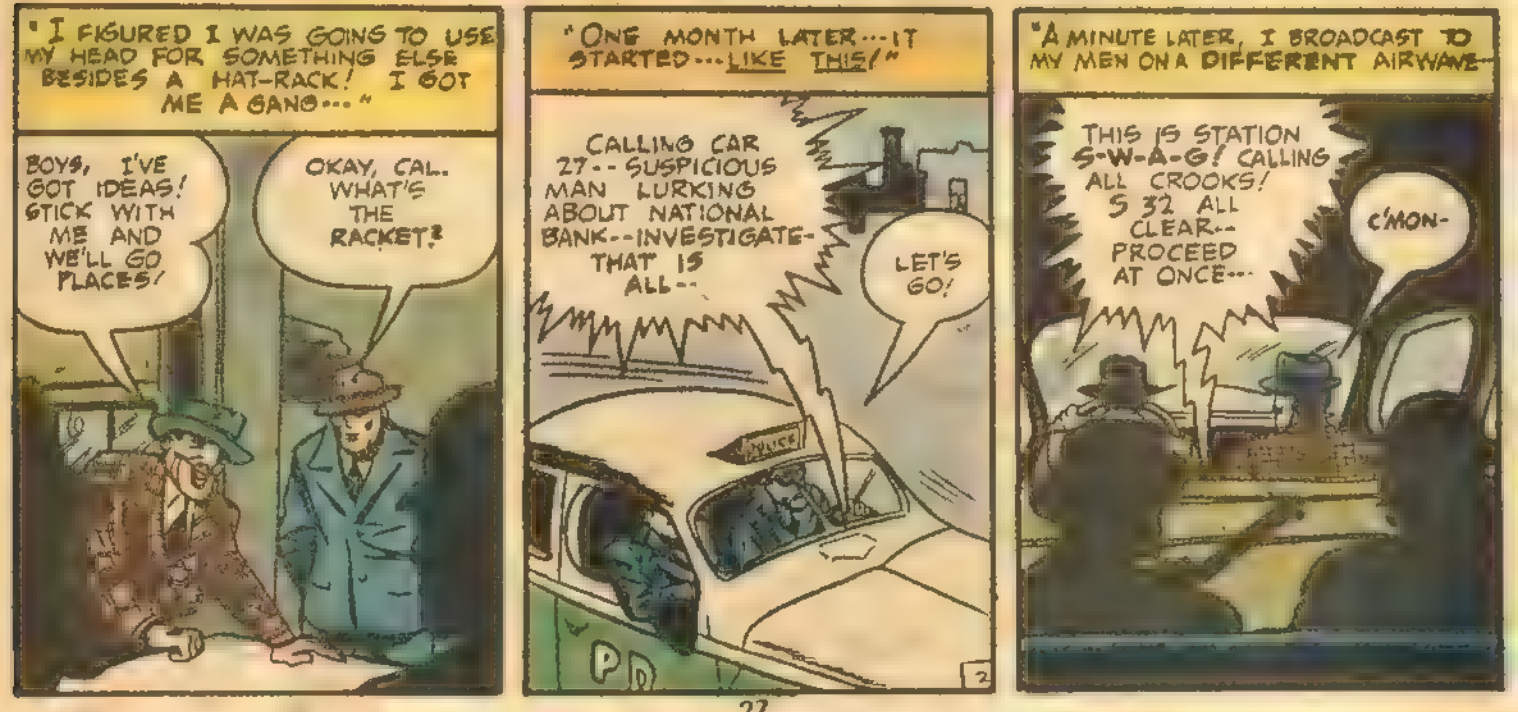
THE THREE RACKETEERS

MY DEAR FELLOW, YOU ARE NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO IS USED TO DOING "BIG THINGS", AS YOU PUT IT!
SURE--SURE-- I HAVEN'T EXACTLY BEEN PLAYING MARBLES ALL MY LIFE, EITHER!
OH, YOU GUYS WISE TO THE RACKETS, TOO?
ALL LIFE IS A RACKET! EVERYBODY PLAYS AT "COPS AND ROBBERS!" EITHER YOU ARE ON THE SIDE OF THE LAW OR AGAINST IT! WE-- I GATHER--ARE THE "ROBBERS!"
YOU SAID A MOUTHFUL, BROTHER! I HAD THE SWEETEST LITTLE RACKET GOING--STILL WOULD BE--IF IT WASN'T FOR THE BATMAN!
WHY--HE'S THE GUY THAT PUT THE SKIDS UNDER MY RACKET!

THE BATMAN! IT WOULD SEEM THE BATMAN IS NUMBER ONE OUR OUR "HATE" PARADE!
THAT NAME AIN'T EXACTLY MUSIC TO MY EARS! HOW DID HE HAPPEN TO BUST UP YOUR LITTLE PARTY?
YES--DO TELL US! I IMAGINE YOUR LITTLE TALE OF WOE SHOULD PROVE MOST ILLUMINATING!
ILLUMINATING?... BROTHER, IT'S A REGULAR AURORA BOREALIS! WELL--MY NAME IS "CRAFTY" CAL CLATE--AND I WASN'T CALLED "CRAFTY" FOR NOTHING---


"I FIGURED I WAS GOING TO USE MY HEAD FOR SOMETHING ELSE BESIDES A HAT-RACK! I GOT ME A GANG..."
BOYS, I'VE GOT IDEAS! STICK WITH ME AND WE'LL GO PLACES!
OKAY, CAL. WHAT'S THE RACKET?
"ONE MONTH LATER...IT STARTED...LIKE THIS!"
CALLING CAR 27--SUSPICIOUS MAN LURKING ABOUT NATIONAL BANK--INVESTIGATE-- THAT IS ALL--
LET'S GO!
POLICE
PD
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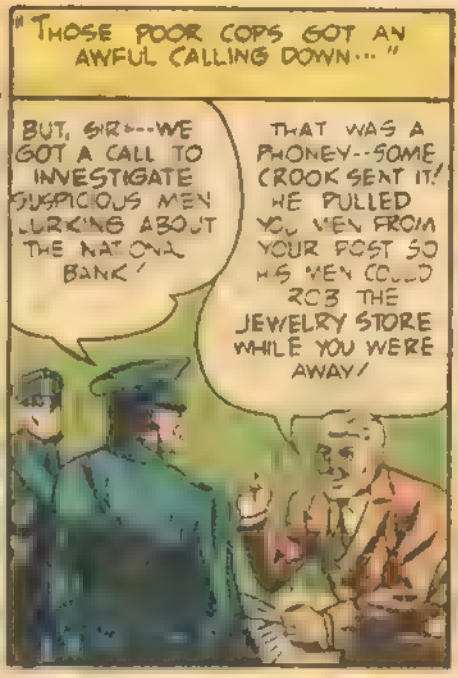
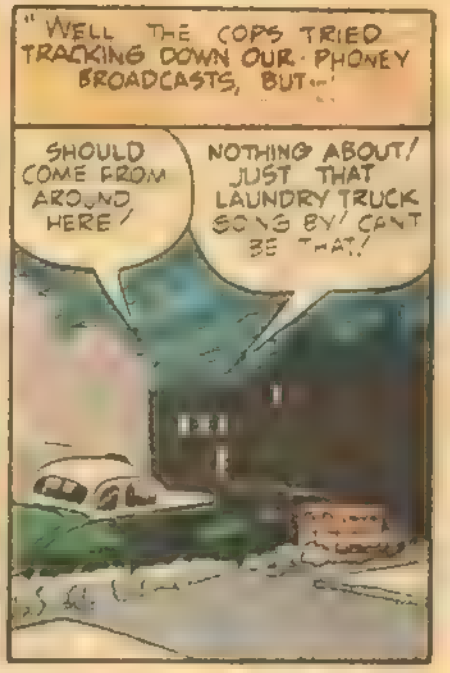
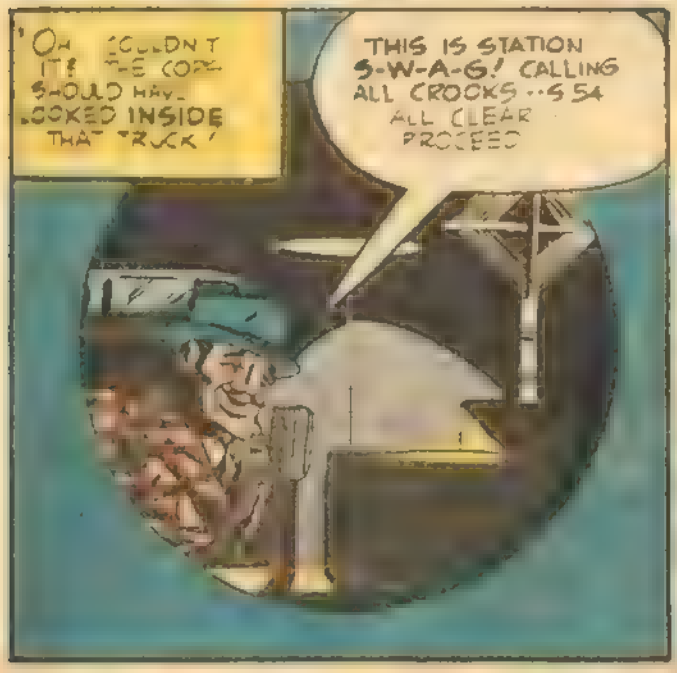
"A MINUTE LATER, I BROADCAST TO MY MEN ON A DIFFERENT AIRWAVE--
THIS IS STATION S-W-A-G! CALLING ALL CROOKS! S 32 ALL CLEAR--PROCEED AT ONCE...
C'MON-

"AND WHEN THE COPS GOT TO THE BANK"
BANK
NOBODY AROUND! I---LISTEN.
CALLING CAR 27--KRAUS JEWELRY STORE ROBBED--- INVESTIGATE---


"THOSE POOR COPS GOT AN AWFUL CALLING DOWN..."
BUT, SIR---WE GOT A CALL TO INVESTIGATE SUSPICIOUS MEN LURKING ABOUT THE NATIONAL BANK!
THAT WAS A PHONEY--SOME CROOK SENT IT! HE PULLED YOU MEN FROM YOUR POST SO HIS MEN COULD ROB THE JEWELRY STORE WHILE YOU WERE AWAY!


"WELL THE COPS TRIED TRACKING DOWN OUR PHONEY BROADCASTS, BUT--"
SHOULD COME FROM AROUND HERE!
NOTHING ABOUT! JUST THAT LAUNDRY TRUCK GOING BY! CAN'T BE THAT!


"OH COULDN'T IT? THE COPS SHOULD HAVE LOOKED INSIDE THAT TRUCK!
THIS IS STATION S-W-A-G! CALLING ALL CROOKS--S 54 ALL CLEAR PROCEED

"GET IT NOW? THAT TRUCK WAS A REGULAR BROADCASTING STATION! CLEVER, EH?"
WHAT A RACKET! YOU IMITATE A COP CALL--GET THE COPS OUT OF THE WAY--SWITCH TO ANOTHER WAVE-LENGTH--
--AND GIVE THE ALL-CLEAR SIGNAL TO OUR BOYS! A BOOTLEG BROADCAST BY SHORT-WAVE! PRETTY NEAT!

"I USED TO DRIVE THE 5TH GRAIN WITH FALSE FIRE ALARMS!"
ONLY SMOKE POTS! STATION S-W-A-G, AGAIN!
WOULDN'T THIS BURN YOU UP?
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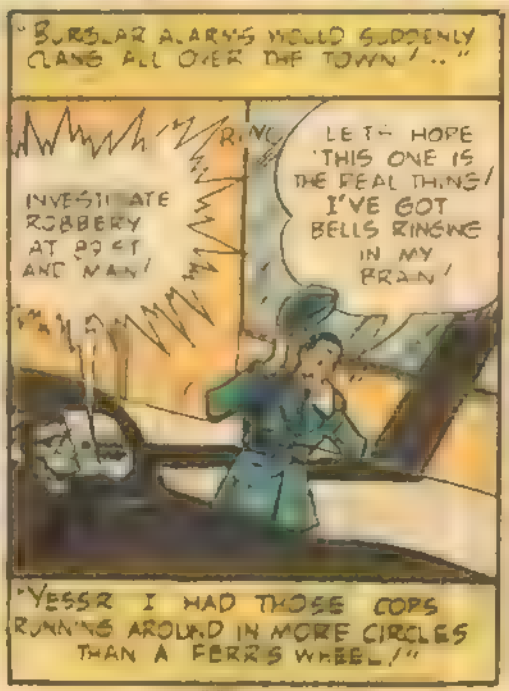
"BURGLAR ALARMS WOULD SUDDENLY CLANG ALL OVER THE TOWN!.."
INVESTIGATE ROBBERY AT 99 ET AND MAN!
LET'S HOPE THIS ONE IS THE REAL THING! I'VE GOT BELLS RINGING IN MY BRAIN!
"YESSR I HAD THOSE COPS RUNNING AROUND IN MORE CIRCLES THAN A FERRIS WHEEL!"

BOY THAT RACKET SHOULDA SET YOU UP FER LIFE!
YES BUT INTO EACH LIFE A LITTLE RAIN MUST FALL SUCH AS THE BATMAN, EH, CRAFTY?
RAIN? THAT GUY WAS A STORM! HERE'S WHAT HAPPENED!

THE THREE RACKETEERS

ONE NIGHT, AFTER LURING THE COPS OUT ON A WILD-GOOSE CHASE, THE BOYS ARE JUST STARTING A JOB---
SEE? THIS WAY WE DON'T SET OFF ANY BURGLAR ALARM
"SUDDENLY SOMETHING WHIZZES AROUND THE CORNER LIKE A SKYROCKET!"
LOOK!
THE BATMOBILE!
"I FOUND OUT LATER THAT THE BATMAN WENT STREAKING AROUND THE TOWN IN THAT BATMOBILE OF HIS THAT SUPER-CHARGED CAR WAS SO FAST HE WAS ABLE TO ANSWER EVERY CALL THAT WENT OUT! THAT'S HOW HE CAUGHT UP TO US!"
"WELL, OUT OF THAT CAR COME THE BATMAN AND ROBIN, SLAMMING INTO MY BOYS!"
STAND ON YOUR FEET AND FIGHT, LIKE MEN!
DID YOU SAY YOU WANTED YOUR FACE LIFTED?
I'M GOING TO PASTE YOU ON THE WALL LIKE A PICTURE!
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"ME AND MY MEN PILED OUT OF THE LAUNDRY TRUCK-- BUT WE HAD A FIGHT ON OUR HANDS!"
NO SHOOTIN', BOYS! DON'T BRING THE COPS INTO THIS, TOO!
"SOME OF THE BOYS MANAGED TO GET A COUPLE OF LUCKY POKES IN-- AND THEY WENT DOWN, STILL FIGHTING--"
DON'T NOTHIN' STOP YOU, MISTER?
THAT DOES IT! NOW LET'S SCRAM OUT OF HERE BEFORE THE COPS SHOW UP!

WE MADE A CLEAN GETAWAY... BUT HOW WAS I TO GUESS THAT THE BATMAN RECOGNIZED ME?
WE DIDN'T DO SO WELL DID WE?
WE DID ALL RIGHT! I RECOGNIZED ONE OF THEM - HE'S CRAFTY CAL CLATE! HIS ADDRESS SHOULD BE IN THE PHONE BOOK!
"THE NEXT NIGHT WHEN I GOT HOME --- I OPENED MY APARTMENT DOOR AND WOW --- THE PLACE LOOKED LIKE A CYCLONE HAD BREEZED THROUGH IT!"
HOLY CATS! SOMEBODY'S BEEN SEARCHING MY PLACE!
A BOX --- LEFT FOR ME? WONDER WHAT'S IN IT?
A ..A BAT! THE BATMAN.. HE'S BEEN HERE!
HE PROBABLY CAME LOOKING FOR THE DUPLICATE CODE BOOK. MAYBE HE FOUND IT..I'D BETTER MAKE SURE.. HE'S A CLEVER GUY...
WHEW...WHAT A RELIEF --- STILL HERE.. MIGHT AS WELL LEAVE IT HERE... I FOOLED THE BATMAN. HAW! HAW!
"BUT I LAUGHED TOO SOON CAUSE WHEN I LEFT....
NICE STUNT, THIS! MAKING CAL THINK WE HAD RANSACKED THE PLACE SO THAT HE SHOWED US WHERE HE HID THAT CODE BOOK!
WITH THAT CODE, WE CAN TRACK DOWN THOSE CROOKS TONIGHT! LETS MOVE!
"GET IT? THOSE TWO SMART GUYS HAD BEEN HIDING IN A CLOSET ALL THE TIME!"
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"THAT NIGHT, WHEN THE USUAL ALL-CLEAR SIGNAL WAS HEARD BY THE BOYS ... THE BATMAN HEARD IT, TOO!"
THIS IS STATION S-W-A-G! CALLING ALL CROOKS! S 45 ALL CLEAR.. PROCEED...
S 45.. THAT'S A FUR SHOP AT BOWER AND 15TH STREET

THE THREE RACKETEERS

"THE BOYS DON'T EVEN GET THERE BEFORE THE BATMAN AND ROBIN CAL INTO THEM!"
FURS
YIPPEE! CARRY ME PIGGY-BACK!
HELEN'S FURS
OKAY BOYS THIS IS THE SHOWDOWN!
AH A DOUBLE PLAY!
"YES, IN THE LOOKOUT CAR, PILED OUT TO GIVE HELP, BUT THERE WAS NO STOPPING THE BATMAN AND ROBIN THAT DAY
A LITTLE TRICK I LEARNED AT THE CIRCUS!
WALTZ ME AROUND AGAIN, WILLIE!
SWISH.....
"AND THEN THE BATMAN HIT ME! HIS FIST WAS LIKE A HAMMER! MY TEETH ARE STILL LOOSE!"
OH-HHH-H.
THE END OF STATION S-W-A-G! IT BLEW A FUSE!
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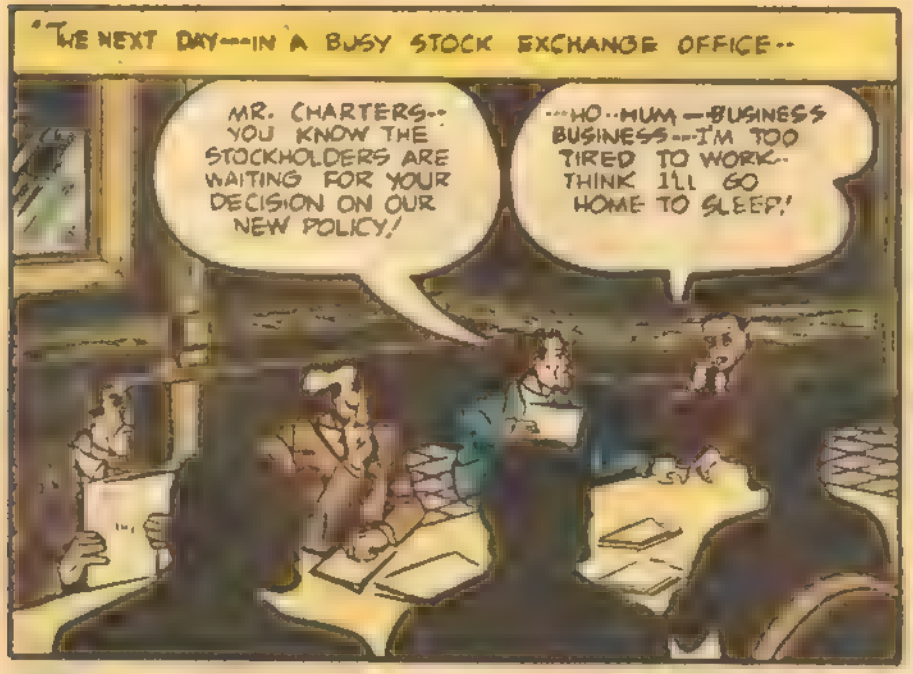
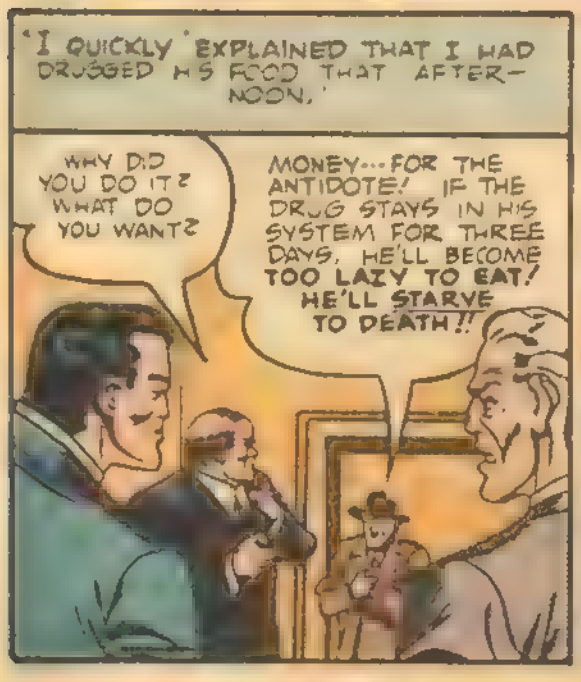
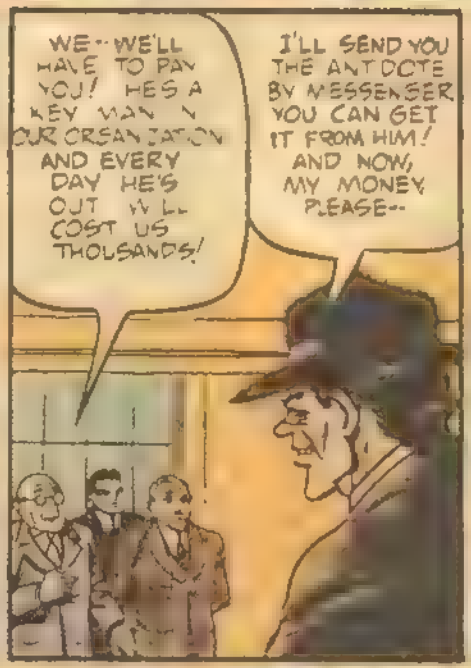
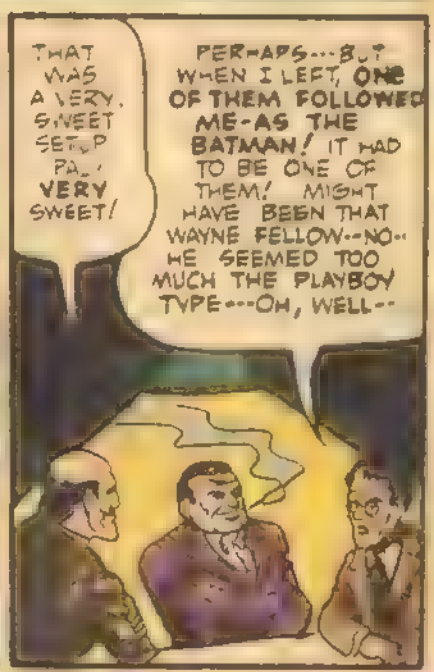
THAT'S MY STORY- AND I'M STUCK WITH IT
YOU'RE NOT KIDDIN'! OKAY PROF... NOW ABOUT YOU TELLIN US YOUR BEDTIME STORY?
MY STORY IS A TRAGEDY- A TRAGEDY, AS YOU SOON SHALL SEE! TO BEGIN WITH, MY NAME IS PROFESSOR POST--I AM--A SCIENTIST!
"ONE MEMORABLE DAY IN MY LABORATORY--
EUREKA! I'VE FOUND IT! A DRUG THAT ACTS ON A MAN'S BRAIN --SLOWS UP HIS REFLEXES -- AND MAKES HIM -- LAZY.. LAZY-- HA! HA!
"HERE WAS THE ANSWER TO MY DREAMS- WEALTH--POWER!"


THE NEXT DAY---IN A BUSY STOCK EXCHANGE OFFICE--
MR. CHARTERS-- YOU KNOW THE STOCKHOLDERS ARE WAITING FOR YOUR DECISION ON OUR NEW POLICY!
---HO--HUM---BUSINESS BUSINESS---I'M TOO TIRED TO WORK-- THINK I'LL GO HOME TO SLEEP!

WE CAN'T MOVE WITHOUT HIM!
WE'LL LOSE MILLIONS! WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM?
I CAN TELL YOU WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM/ HE'S JUST LAZY!


"I QUICKLY EXPLAINED THAT I HAD DRUGGED HIS FOOD THAT AFTER-NOON."
WHY DID YOU DO IT? WHAT DO YOU WANT?
MONEY---FOR THE ANTIDOTE! IF THE DRUG STAYS IN HIS SYSTEM FOR THREE DAYS, HE'LL BECOME TOO LAZY TO EAT! HE'LL STARVE TO DEATH!!


WE--WE'LL HAVE TO PAY YOU! HE'S A KEY MAN IN OUR ORGANIZATION AND EVERY DAY HE'S OUT WILL COST US THOUSANDS!
I'LL SEND YOU THE ANTIDOTE BY MESSENGER YOU CAN GET IT FROM HIM! AND NOW, MY MONEY PLEASE--


THAT WAS A VERY, SWEET SETUP PAL, VERY SWEET!
PERHAPS---BUT WHEN I LEFT, ONE OF THEM FOLLOWED ME-AS THE BATMAN! IT HAD TO BE ONE OF THEM! MIGHT HAVE BEEN THAT WAYNE FELLOW--NO-- HE SEEMED TOO MUCH THE PLAYBOY TYPE---OH, WELL--

"I ARRIVED AT HOME, CLOSED THE DOOR--- BUT A CRASHING FIGURE BANGED IT OPEN AGAIN!"
THE---THE BATMAN-
---IN PERSON!
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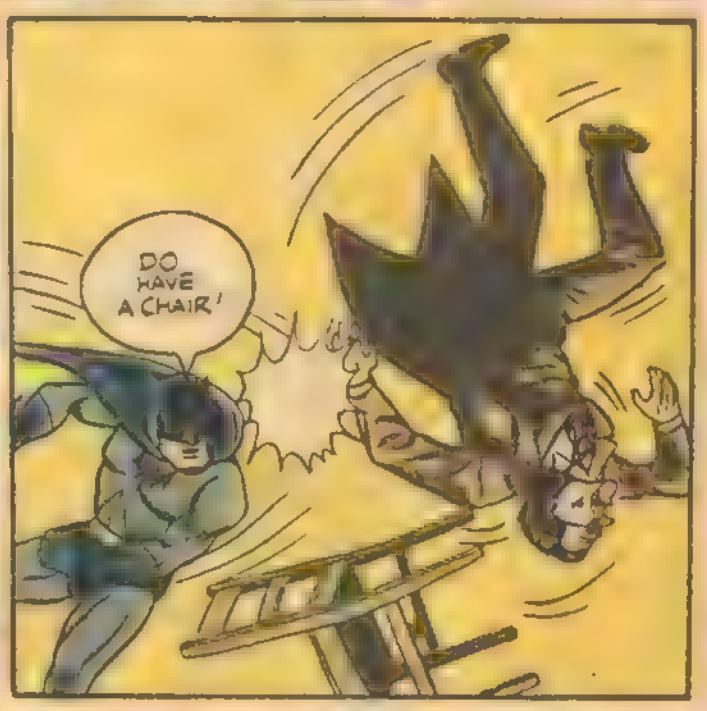
DO HAVE A CHAIR!

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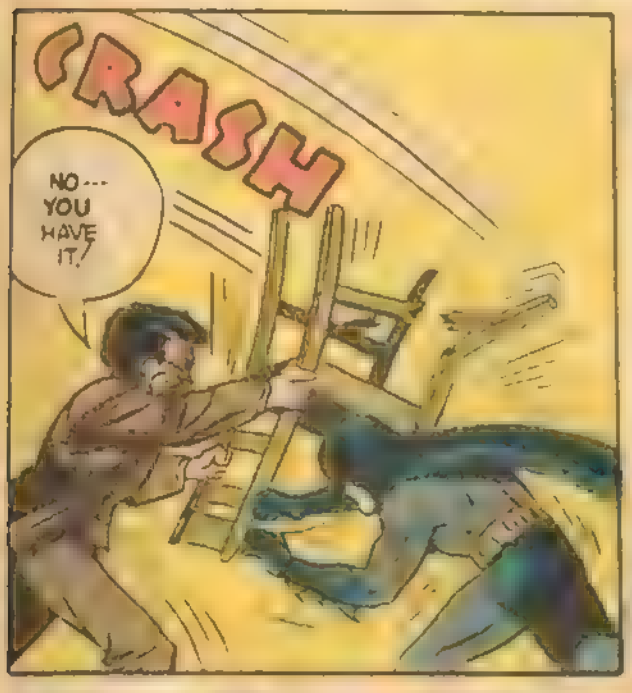
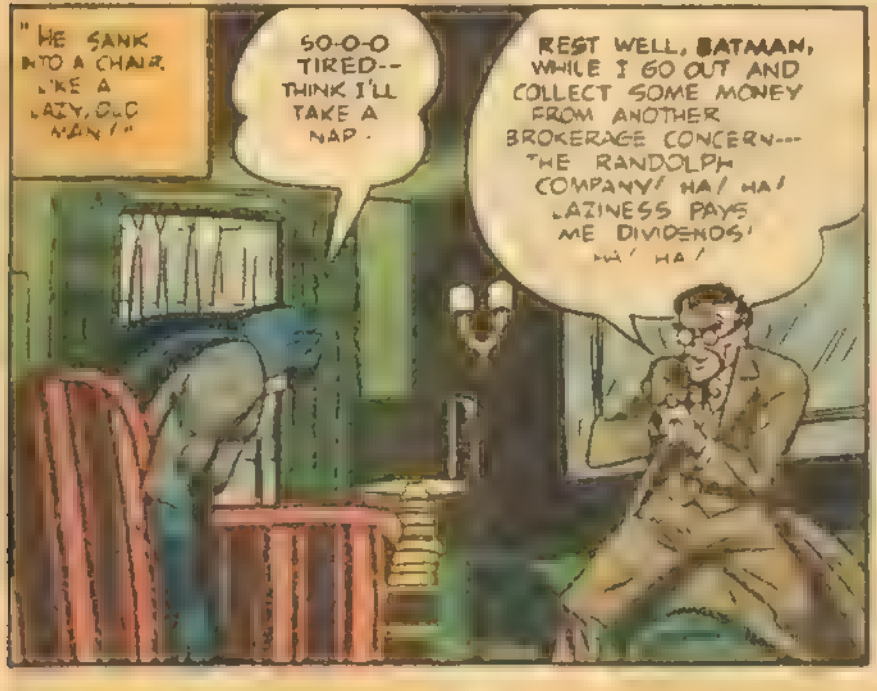
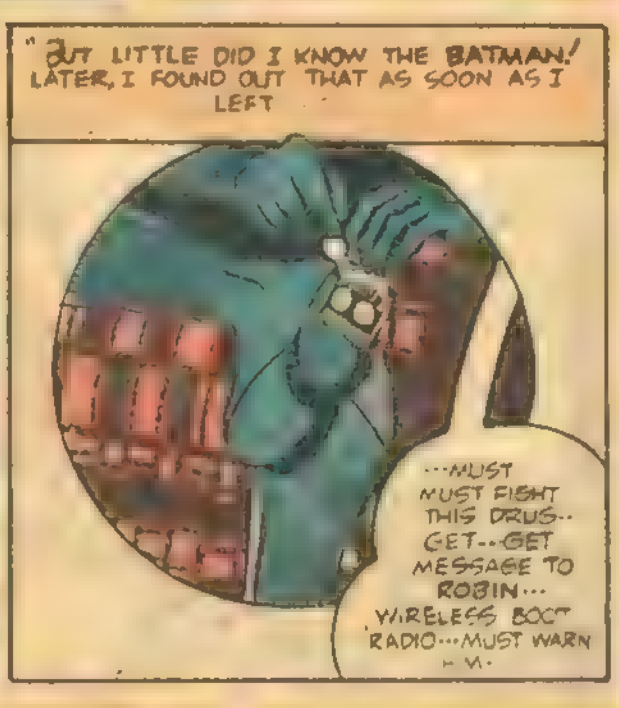


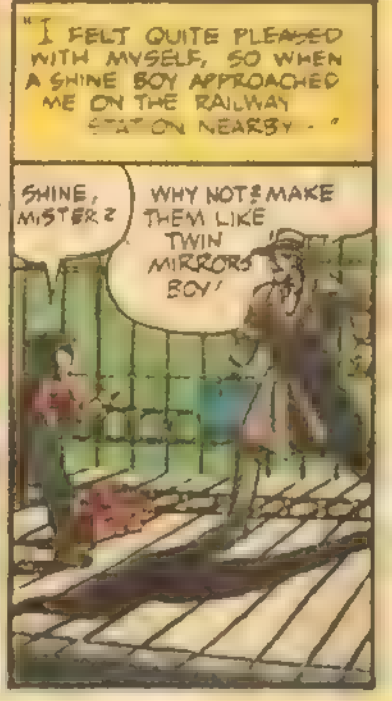
THE POTION TOOK EFFECT ALMOST IMMEDIATELY!"
YOU--I--WHAT'S WRONG--? SUDDENLY FEEL TIRED--LAZY... NEED A VACATION FROM FIGHTING CROOKS--OUGHT TO TAKE A MONTH FISHING!
"THERE WAS A SIGHT NEVER BEFORE SEEN BY HUMAN EYES! THE BATMAN--TOO LAZY TO FIGHT CRIME!"

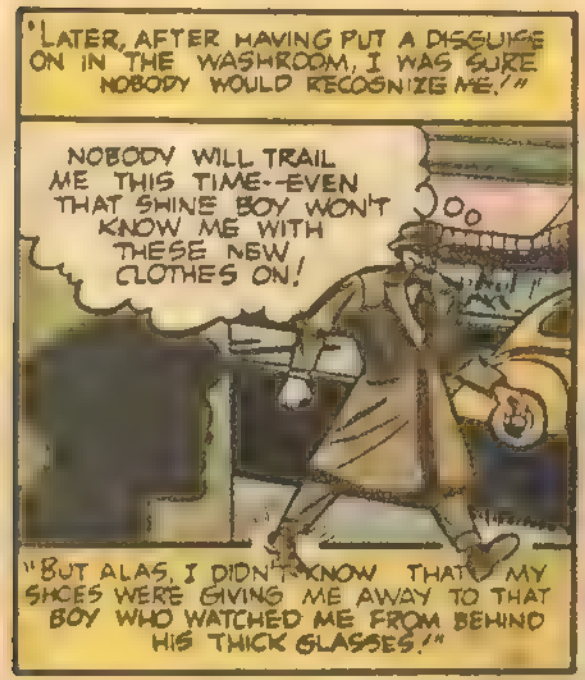

"HE SANK INTO A CHAIR, LIKE A LAZY, OLD MAN!"
SO-O-O TIRED--THINK I'LL TAKE A NAP.
REST WELL, BATMAN, WHILE I GO OUT AND COLLECT SOME MONEY FROM ANOTHER BROKERAGE CONCERN--THE RANDOLPH COMPANY! HA! HA! LAZINESS PAYS ME DIVIDENDS! HA! HA!

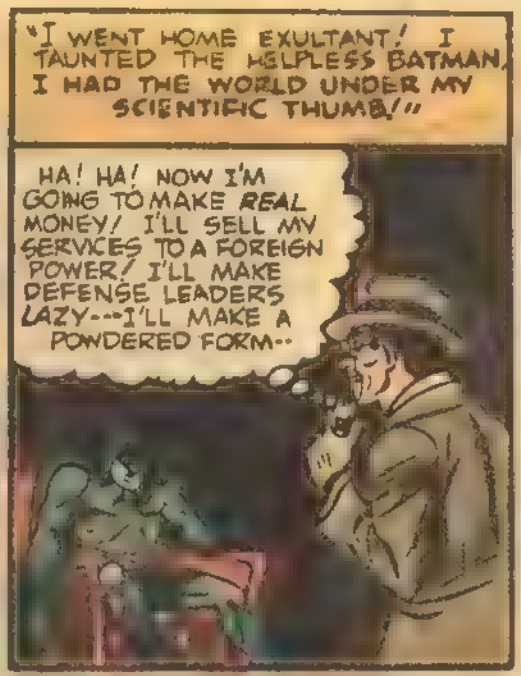

"BUT LITTLE DID I KNOW THE BATMAN! LATER, I FOUND OUT THAT AS SOON AS I LEFT
...MUST MUST FIGHT THIS DRUG.. GET--GET MESSAGE TO ROBIN... WIRELESS BOOT RADIO...MUST WARN HIM.

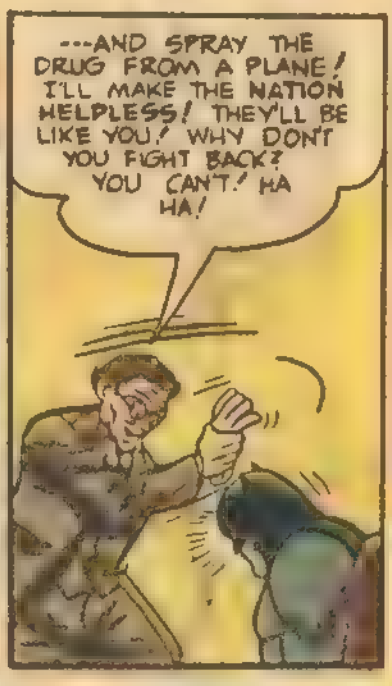
"THAT MAN MUST HAVE HAD TREMENDOUS WILL POWER TO RESIST THE DRUG AS WELL AS HE DID!"
ROBIN. LISTEN CAREFULLY. GO TO RANDOLPH BROKERAGE COMPANY AND

AT THAT BROKERAGE COMPANY I HAD THE SAME STORY.
WE MUST PAY YOU, I SUPPOSE, OR ELSE WE'LL LOSE MONEY WHILE OUR CHAIRMAN IS UNDER YOUR INSIDIOUS DRUG!
HOW SENSIBLE! NO TRICKS NOW, ELSE YOUR CHAIRMAN BECOMES TOO LAZY TO LIVE...OR AM I BEING TOO SUBTLE!?


"I FELT QUITE PLEASED WITH MYSELF, SO WHEN A SHINE BOY APPROACHED ME ON THE RAILWAY STATION NEARBY..."
SHINE, MISTER?
WHY NOT? MAKE THEM LIKE TWIN MIRRORS BOY!

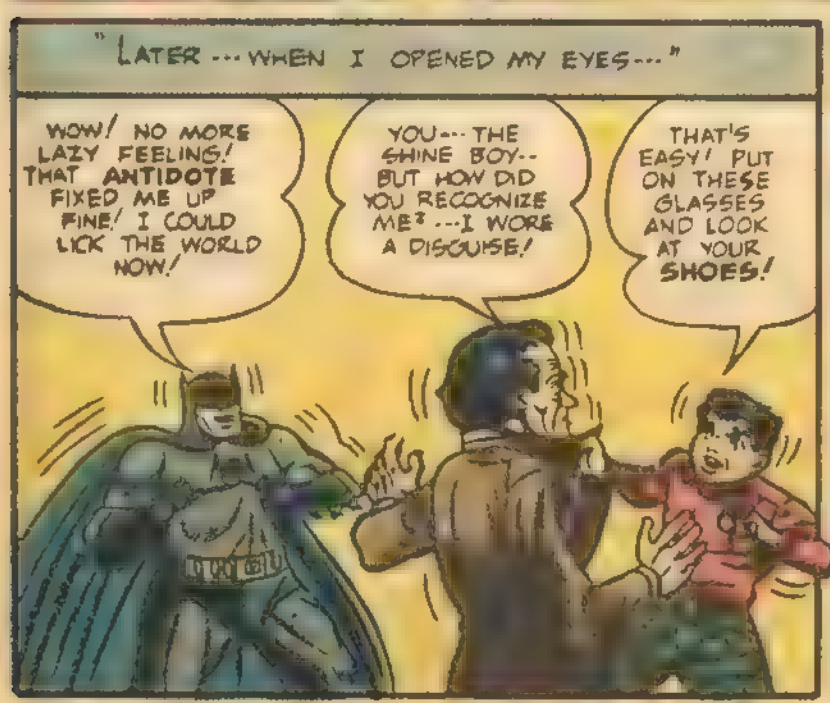

"LATER, AFTER HAVING PUT A DISGUISE ON IN THE WASHROOM, I WAS SURE NOBODY WOULD RECOGNIZE ME!"
NOBODY WILL TRAIL ME THIS TIME--EVEN THAT SHINE BOY WON'T KNOW ME WITH THESE NEW CLOTHES ON!
"BUT ALAS, I DIDN'T KNOW THAT MY SHOES WERE GIVING ME AWAY TO THAT BOY WHO WATCHED ME FROM BEHIND HIS THICK GLASSES!"

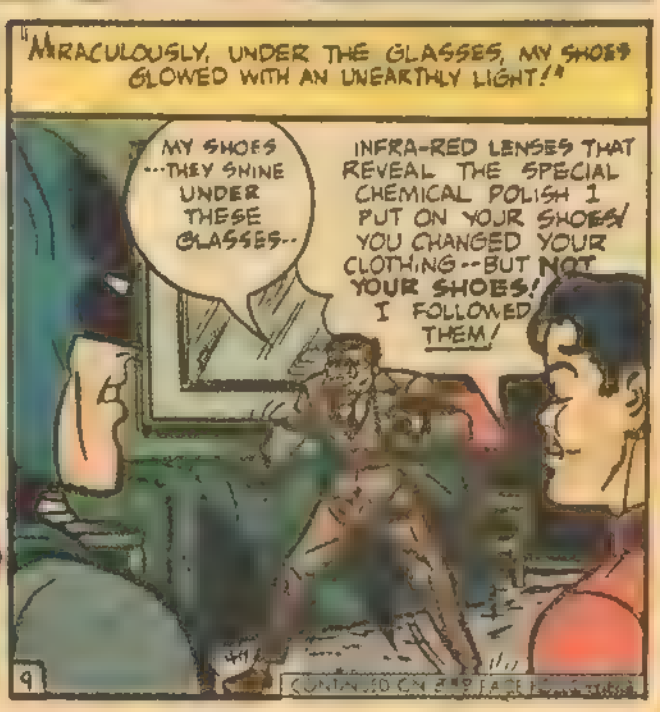

"I WENT HOME EXULTANT! I TAUNTED THE HELPLESS BATMAN, I HAD THE WORLD UNDER MY SCIENTIFIC THUMB!"
HA! HA! NOW I'M GOING TO MAKE REAL MONEY! I'LL SELL MY SERVICES TO A FOREIGN POWER! I'LL MAKE DEFENSE LEADERS LAZY---I'LL MAKE A POWDERED FORM--


---AND SPRAY THE DRUG FROM A PLANE! I'LL MAKE THE NATION HELPLESS! THEY'LL BE LIKE YOU! WHY DON'T YOU FIGHT BACK? YOU CAN'T! HA HA!

WHO?...
SHINE, MISTER?

"THAT BOY HIT ME AND MY WHOLE WORLD TOPPLED---"
BE GOOD AND I'LL ONLY HAVE TO HIT YOU ONCE!


"LATER --- WHEN I OPENED MY EYES---"
WOW! NO MORE LAZY FEELING! THAT ANTIDOTE FIXED ME UP FINE! I COULD LICK THE WORLD NOW!
YOU--- THE SHINE BOY-- BUT HOW DID YOU RECOGNIZE ME? ---I WORE A DISGUISE!
THAT'S EASY! PUT ON THESE GLASSES AND LOOK AT YOUR SHOES!


"MIRACULOUSLY, UNDER THE GLASSES, MY SHOES GLOWED WITH AN UNEARTHLY LIGHT!"
MY SHOES ---THEY SHINE UNDER THESE GLASSES--
INFRA-RED LENSES THAT REVEAL THE SPECIAL CHEMICAL POLISH I PUT ON YOUR SHOES! YOU CHANGED YOUR CLOTHING--BUT NOT YOUR SHOES! I FOLLOWED THEM!
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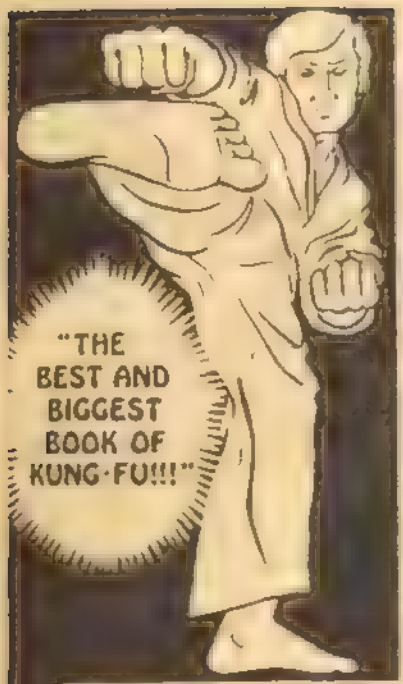

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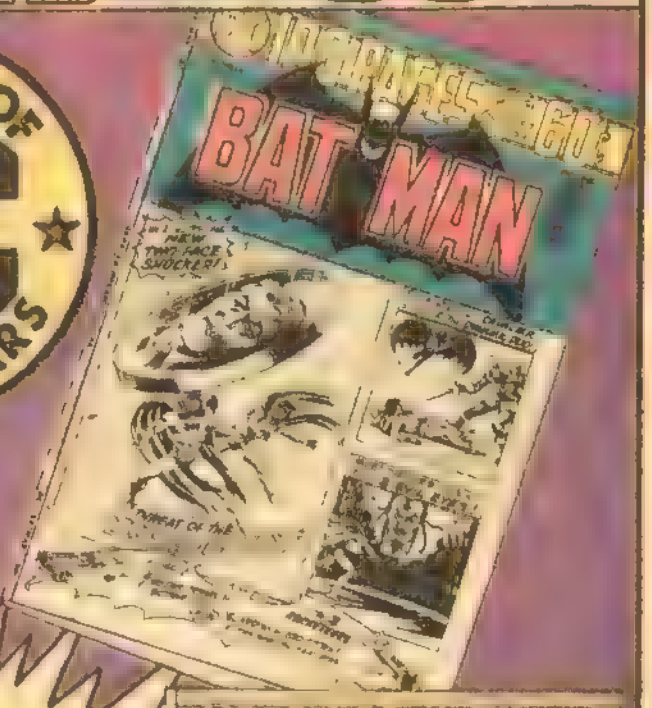

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---AND INDEED IT WAS THROUGH! THERE, YOU SEE, I TOLD YOU IT WAS A TRAGEDY!
YEAH---TOO BAD! YOU HAD A NICE RACKET THERE FOR A WHILE! NOW, HOW ABOUT YOU, BROTHER?
ME? OKAY--- UNBUTTON YOUR EARS WHILE I GIVE OUT!
"ME, I FIGURED I WASN'T GONNA BE NO ORDINARY MUGG. I HAD IDEAS---BIG IDEAS--- AN' I CARRIED 'EM OUT FAST TOO!"
GOTHA
THREE ARMY TANKS STOLEN
FIFTH COLUMNIST ACTIVITY SUSPECTED
"'FIFTH COLUMNISTS!' HAW! THEM TANKS WAS STOLEN BY MY MOB.."
OKAY! NOW LETS SHOW THIS TOWN WHAT BIG-TIME GUYS WE REALLY ARE! GET THOSE IRON BUGGIES GOING
"WE SHOWED 'EM! WE PULLED ONE JOB AFTER ANOTHER WITH THEM BABY TANKS!"
BANK
"NOTHIN' STOPPED US! NOTHIN'!"
"AN' WE MADE GETAWAYS IN FAST TRUCKS! I COVERED ALL THE ANGLES!"

"SOON THE WHOLE TOWN BEGAN TO SIT UP AN' TAKE NOTICE! WE WERE FRONT-PAGE NEWS!"

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"YEP--I HAD EVERYTHING FIGURED OUT--BUT I FORGOT ONE GUY ---- THE BATMAN!"

"YA SEE, THE COPPERS HAD SHORT-WAVE RADIOS READY TO SHOUT AS SOON AS WE SHOWED--AN' ONE NIGHT AS WE'RE DOIN' OUR STUFF---"

LOOK! THE BATPLANE!

OKAY, ROBIN LET 'EM HAVE THE BOTTLES!

A PLEASURE!

"THEM BOTTLES HIT THE TANKS, BROKE OPEN AND SPLASHED SOME KIND OF LIQUID ALL OVER 'EM."

"THEN THAT KID STARTED THROWIN' FLAMING TORCHES AT THE TANKS!"

"THEM TORCHES HIT--- AND BOOM--THE TANKS LIT UP LIKE A ROMAN CANDLE!"

"KNOW WHAT THAT STUFF WAS IN THEM BOTTLES? GASOLINE---THAT'S WHAT, GASOLINE!"

"PRETTY SOON THE INSIDE OF EACH TANK FELT LIKE A HOT STOVE!"

LEMME OUTA HERE!

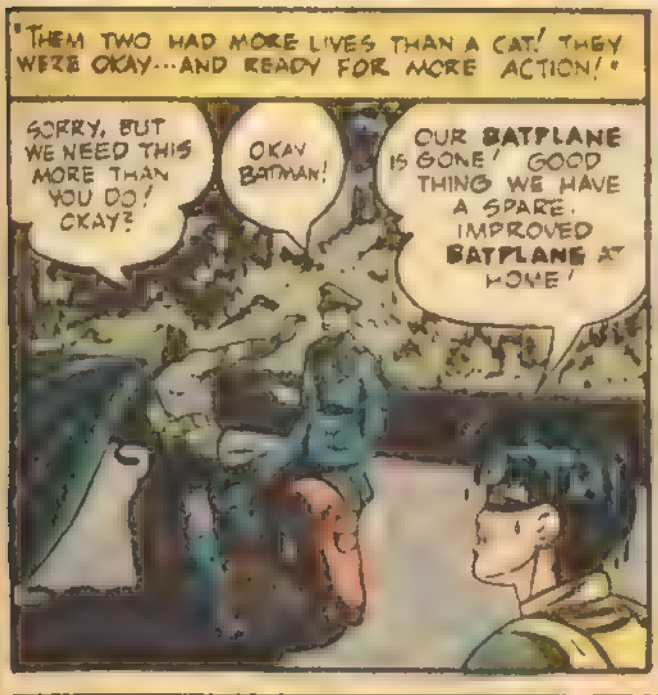
AN' I USTA LIKE BOILED CHICKEN!

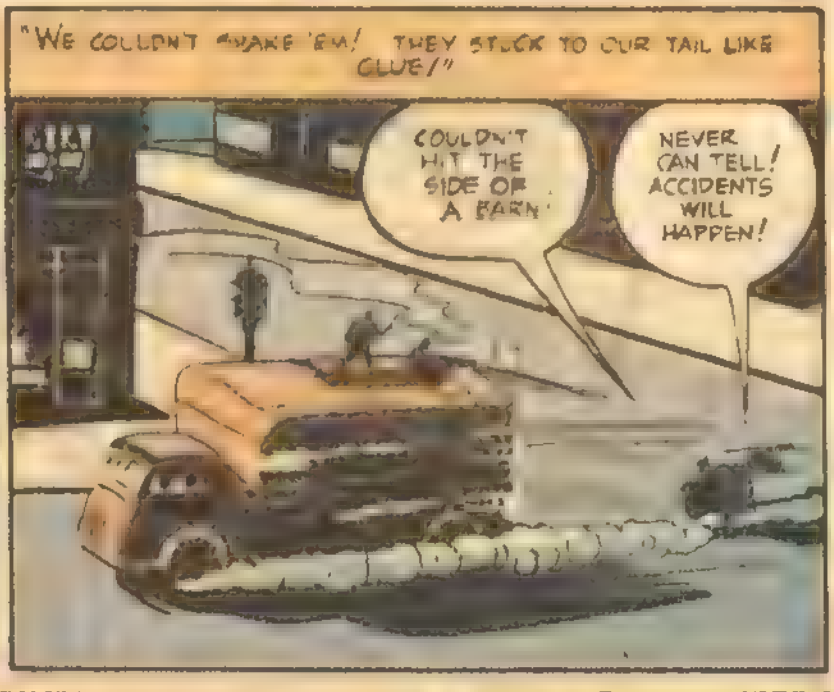
"WE HOPPED OUTA THEM TANKS LIKE THEY WAS POISON--- AND INTO OUR TRUCKS! BUT I HAD AN ACE IN THE HOLE, TOO!"

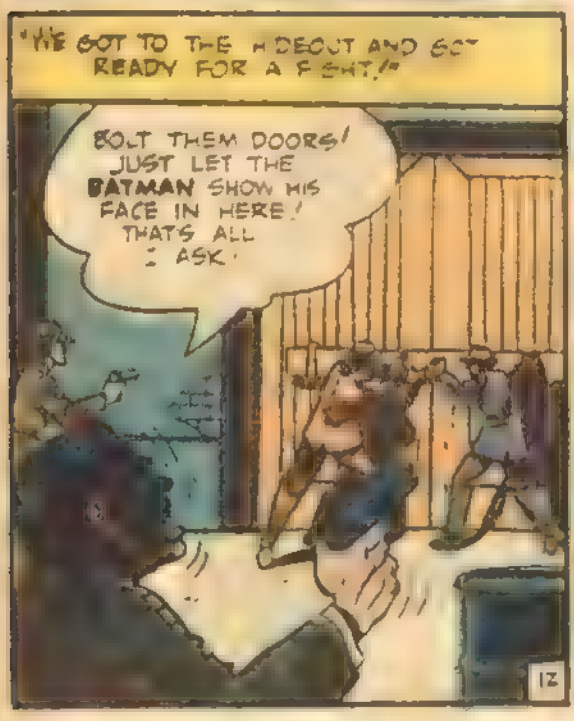
GIVE IT TO 'EM! BLAST 'EM OUTA THE SKY!

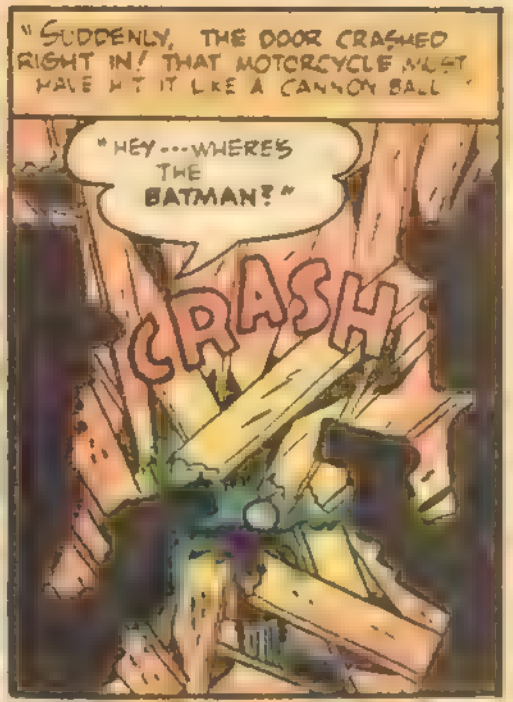
"THE TOPS OF OUR TRUCKS FOLDED BACK. I HAD MACHINE GUNS PLANTED THERE!"

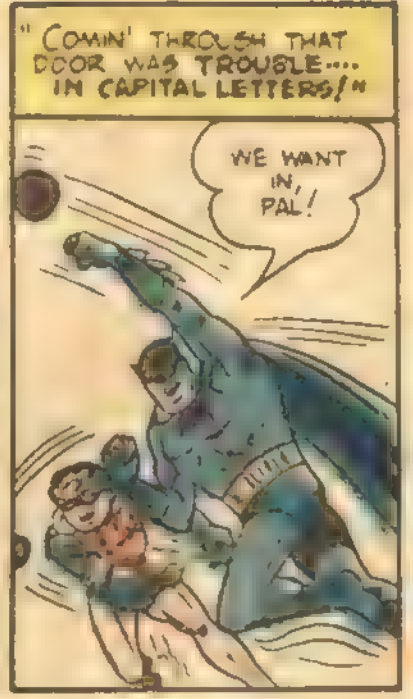
THE THREE RACKETEERS

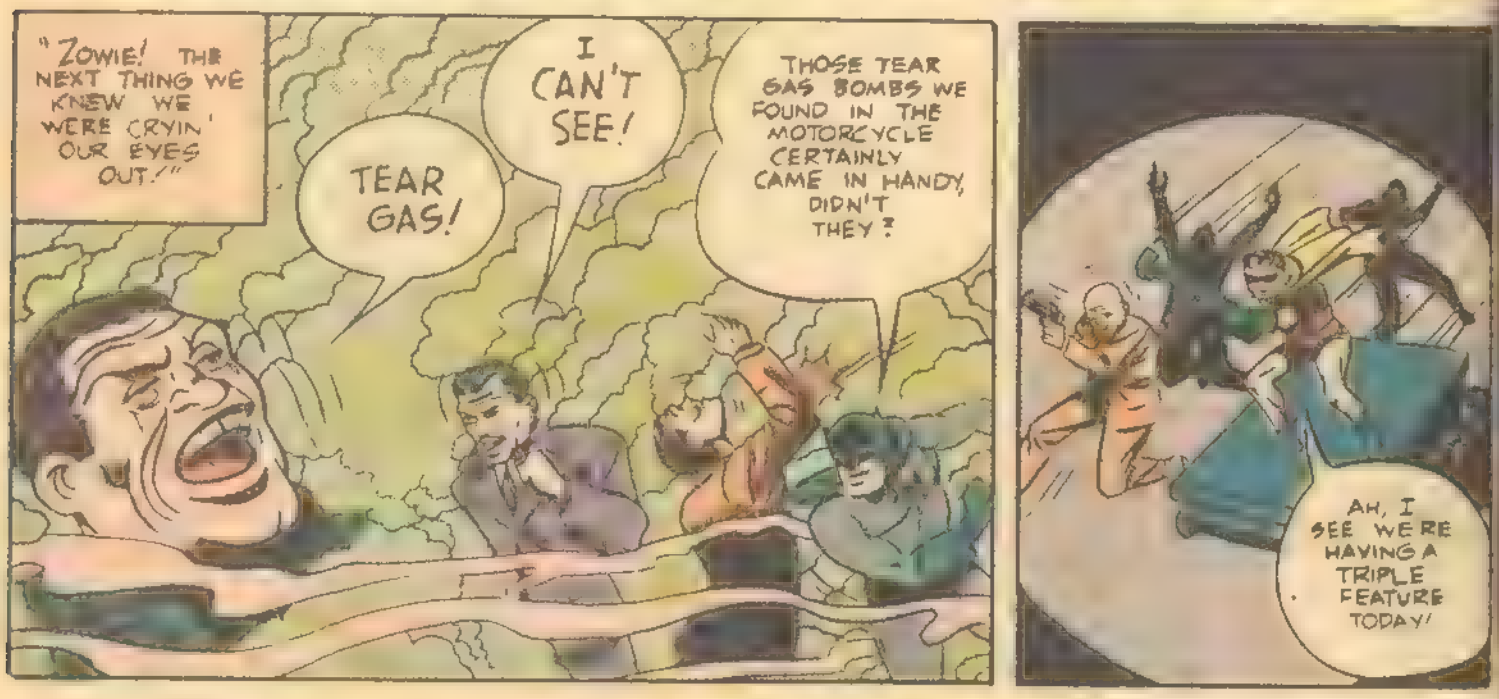

"THEM TWO HAD MORE LIVES THAN A CAT! THEY WERE OKAY--AND READY FOR MORE ACTION!"
SORRY, BUT WE NEED THIS MORE THAN YOU DO! OKAY?
OKAY BATMAN!
OUR BATPLANE IS GONE! GOOD THING WE HAVE A SPARE, IMPROVED BATPLANE AT HOME!

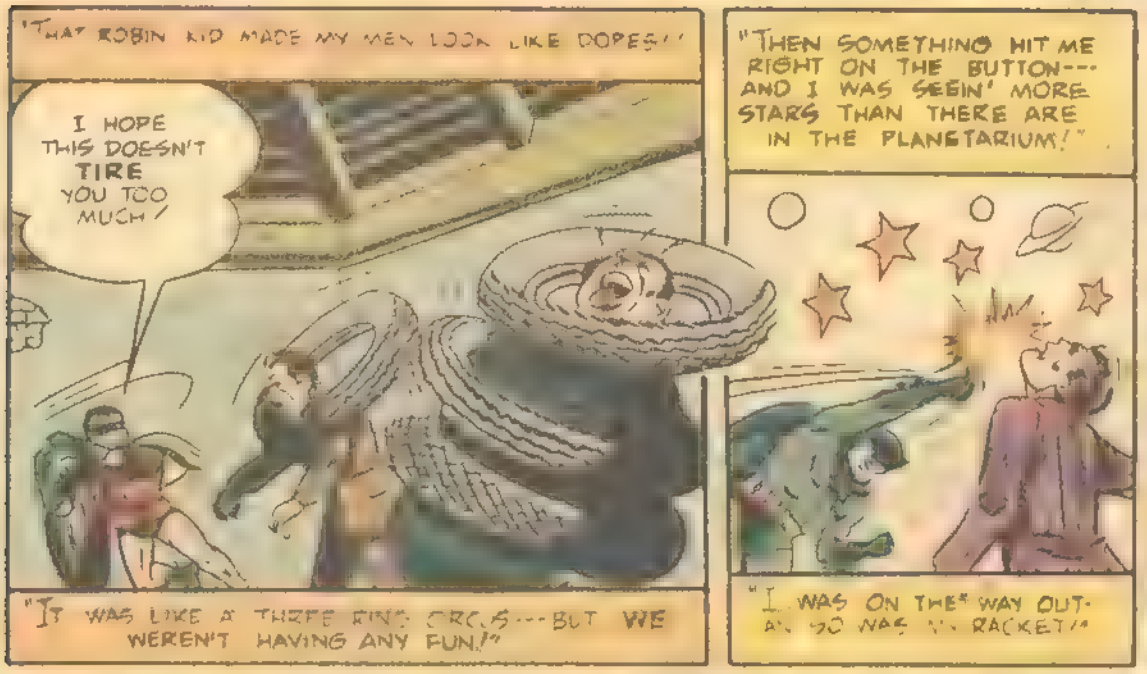




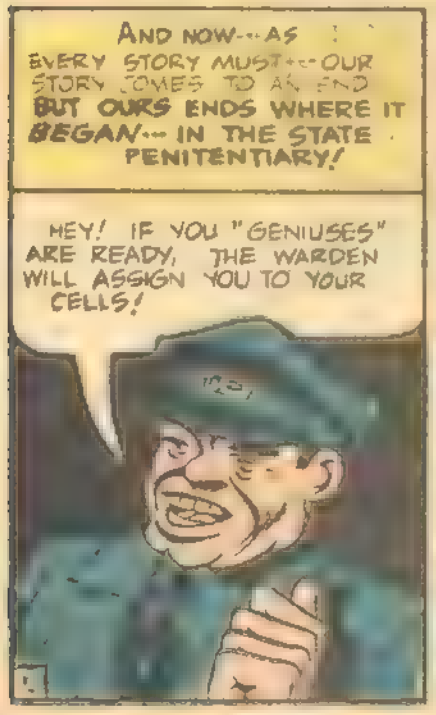


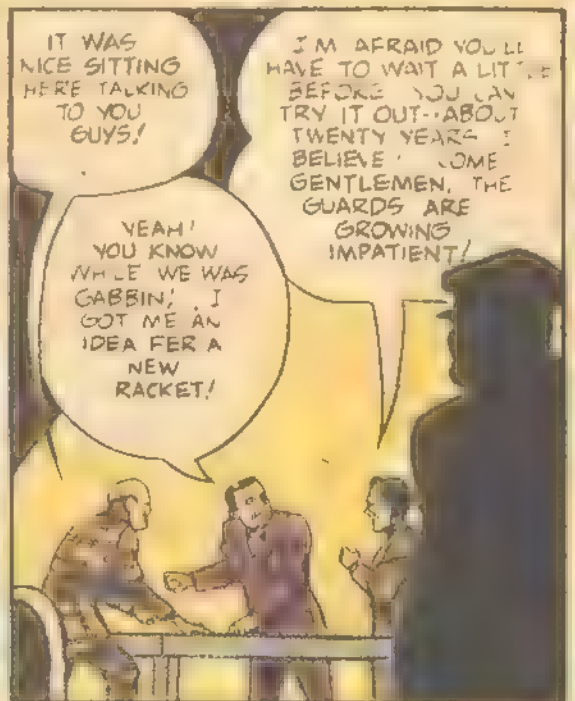


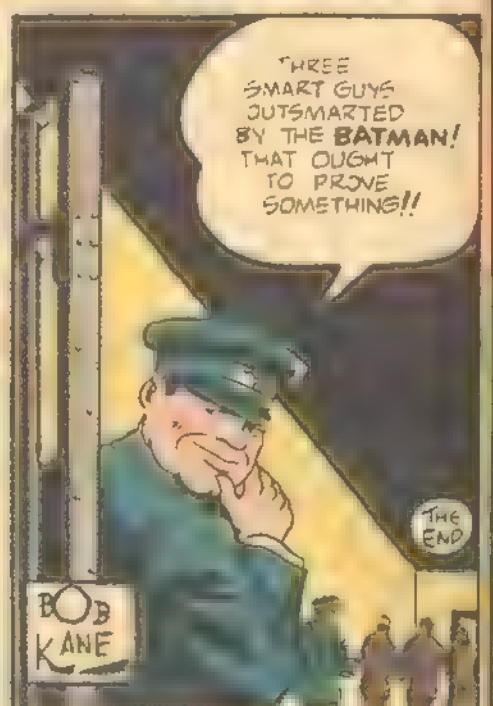

"ZOWIE! THE NEXT THING WE KNEW WE WERE CRYIN' OUR EYES OUT!"
TEAR GAS!
I CAN'T SEE!
THOSE TEAR GAS BOMBS WE FOUND IN THE MOTORCYCLE CERTAINLY CAME IN HANDY, DIDN'T THEY?
AH, I SEE WE'RE HAVING A TRIPLE FEATURE TODAY!


"THAT ROBIN KID MADE MY MEN LOOK LIKE DOPES!"
I HOPE THIS DOESN'T TIRE YOU TOO MUCH!
"IT WAS LIKE A THREE RING CIRCUS---BUT WE WEREN'T HAVING ANY FUN!"
"THEN SOMETHING HIT ME RIGHT ON THE BUTTON--- AND I WAS SEEIN' MORE STARS THAN THERE ARE IN THE PLANETARIUM!"
"I WAS ON THE WAY OUT- AN' SO WAS MY RACKET!"

TOO BAD! YOU WERE IN THE SAME BOAT WE WERE BUT AT LEAST WE ALL LED THE COPS A MERRY CHASE!
RIGHT! HOW MANY GUYS CAN THINK UP CLEVER RACKETS LIKE WE DID? WE'RE THREE SMART GUYS!
I AGREE WITH YOU! ALL OF US ARE REALLY BRILLIANT! BRILLIANT!


AND NOW---AS EVERY STORY MUST---OUR STORY COMES TO AN END BUT OURS ENDS WHERE IT BEGAN--- IN THE STATE PENITENTIARY!
HEY! IF YOU "GENIUSES" ARE READY, THE WARDEN WILL ASSIGN YOU TO YOUR CELLS!


IT WAS NICE SITTING HERE TALKING TO YOU GUYS!
I'M AFRAID YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT A LITTLE BEFORE YOU CAN TRY IT OUT--ABOUT TWENTY YEARS I BELIEVE! COME GENTLEMEN, THE GUARDS ARE GROWING IMPATIENT!
YEAH! YOU KNOW WHILE WE WAS GABBIN', I GOT ME AN IDEA FER A NEW RACKET!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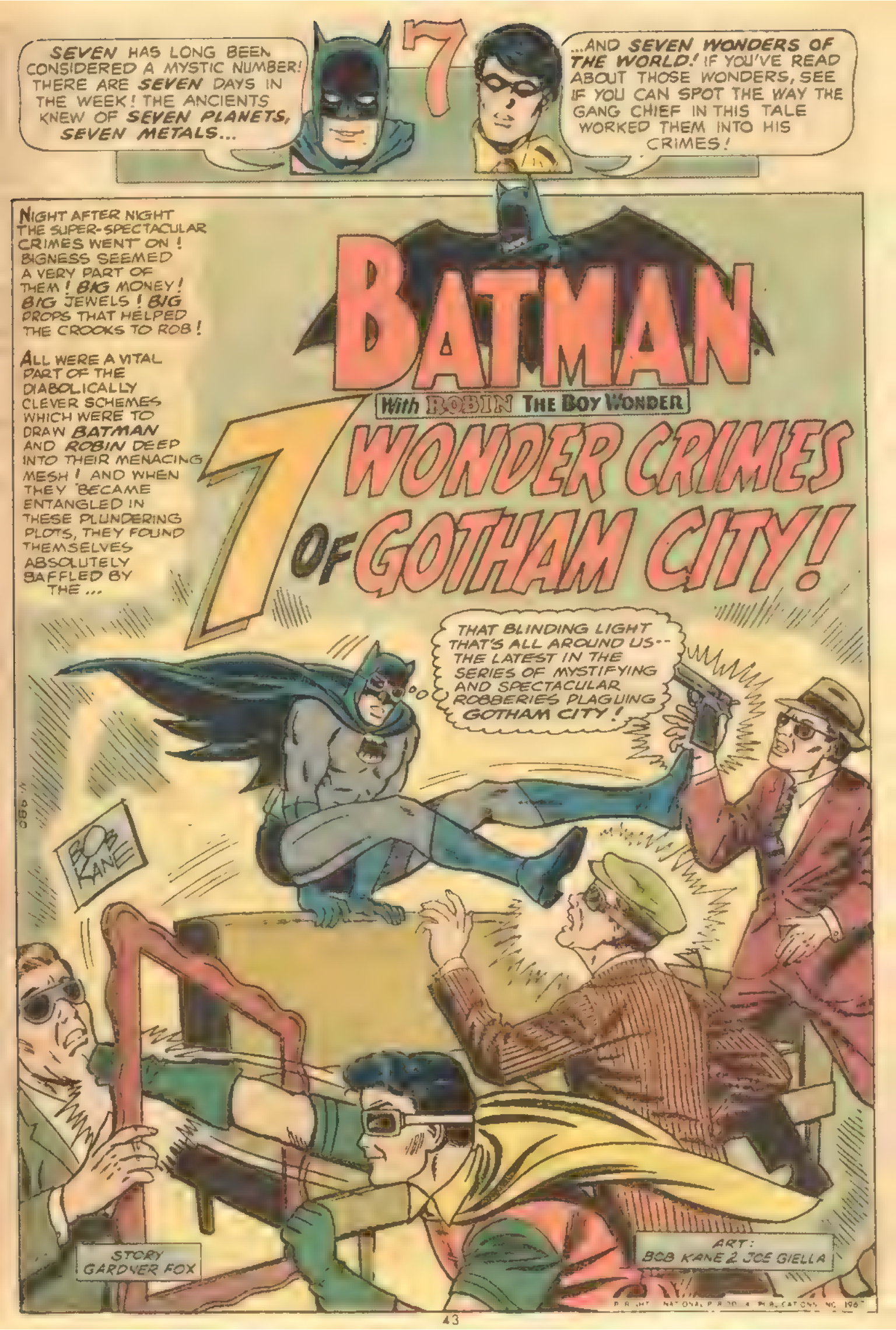
SEVEN HAS LONG BEEN CONSIDERED A MYSTIC NUMBER! THERE ARE SEVEN DAYS IN THE WEEK! THE ANCIENTS KNEW OF SEVEN PLANETS, SEVEN METALS...
7
...AND SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORLD! IF YOU'VE READ ABOUT THOSE WONDERS, SEE IF YOU CAN SPOT THE WAY THE GANG CHIEF IN THIS TALE WORKED THEM INTO HIS CRIMES!
NIGHT AFTER NIGHT THE SUPER-SPECTACULAR CRIMES WENT ON! BIGNESS SEEMED A VERY PART OF THEM! BIG MONEY! BIG JEWELS! BIG PROPS THAT HELPED THE CROOKS TO ROB!
ALL WERE A VITAL PART OF THE DIABOLICALLY CLEVER SCHEMES WHICH WERE TO DRAW BATMAN AND ROBIN DEEP INTO THEIR MENACING MESH! AND WHEN THEY BECAME ENTANGLED IN THESE PLUNDERING PLOTS, THEY FOUND THEMSELVES ABSOLUTELY BAFFLED BY THE ...
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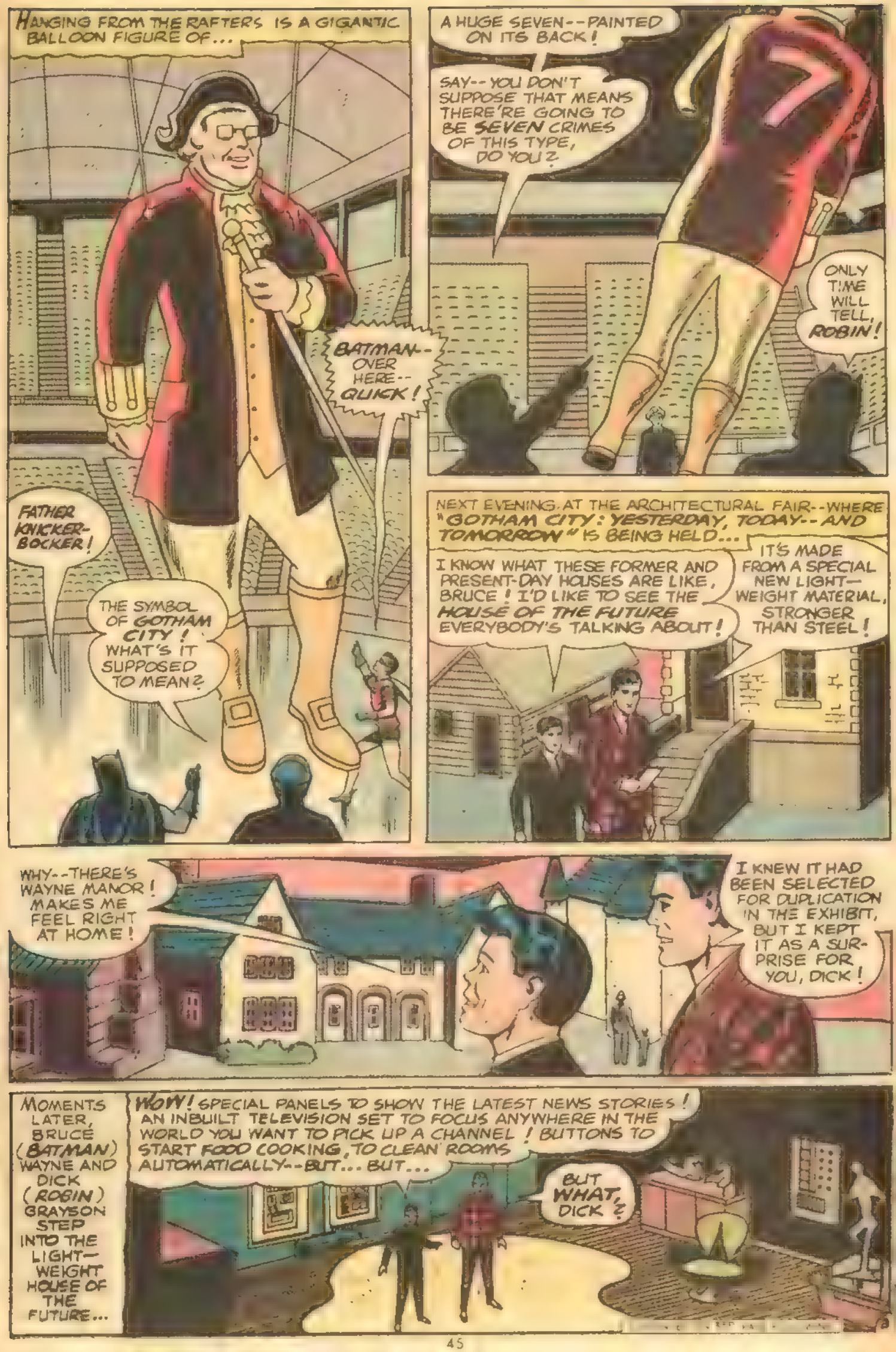
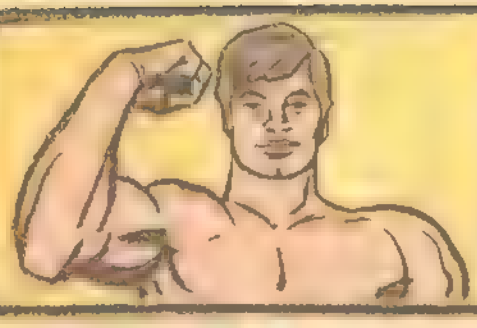
THE SCRAPE OF STEEL ON ICE, THE ROAR OF THE CROWD, HERALDS THE CHAMPIONSHIP HOCKEY GAME BETWEEN THE GOTHAM CITY GIANTS AND THE QUEBEC ROYALS...
THE PUCK'S GOING OUT OF BOUNDS!
THE REFEREE DROPS A NEW PUCK FOR THE FACE-OFF...
AND WHEN STICK MEETS PUCK...
THE PUCK IS-- BLOWING UP!
VA-BLAM!
WITHIN MOMENTS, THE HISS OF GAS IS THE ONLY SOUND HEARD IN GOTHAM SQUARE GARDEN...
THEN--MEN IN MASKS MOVE SWIFTLY AMONG THE SLEEPING SPECTATORS IN CELEBRITY ROW...
THESE RICH SEASON-TICKET BOYS SURE CARRY FAT WALLETS!
AND THEIR WIVES-- DRESSED TO THE HILT!
WORD OF THE DARING CRIME-COUP FLASHES ACROSS THE HOT-LINE...
POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON SAYS THERE'S BEEN A ROBBERY AT THE GARDEN!
TELL HIM WE'RE ON OUR WAY, ROBIN!
AND WHEN THE DYNAMIC DUO REACHES THE GREAT SPORTS PALACE...
AND THE CROOKS DIDN'T LEAVE A CLUE, OFFICER?
NOT UNLESS YOU CALL THAT A CLUE, BATMAN! LOOK UP THERE--!


HANGING FROM THE RAFTERS IS A GIGANTIC BALLOON FIGURE OF...
BATMAN--OVER HERE--QUICK!
FATHER KNICKER-BOCKER!
THE SYMBOL OF GOTHAM CITY! WHAT'S IT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
A HUGE SEVEN--PAINTED ON ITS BACK!
SAY--YOU DON'T SUPPOSE THAT MEANS THERE'RE GOING TO BE SEVEN CRIMES OF THIS TYPE, DO YOU?
ONLY TIME WILL TELL, ROBIN!
NEXT EVENING, AT THE ARCHITECTURAL FAIR--WHERE "GOTHAM CITY: YESTERDAY, TODAY--AND TOMORROW" IS BEING HELD...
I KNOW WHAT THESE FORMER AND PRESENT-DAY HOUSES ARE LIKE, BRUCE! I'D LIKE TO SEE THE HOUSE OF THE FUTURE EVERYBODY'S TALKING ABOUT!
IT'S MADE FROM A SPECIAL NEW LIGHT-WEIGHT MATERIAL, STRONGER THAN STEEL!
WHY--THERE'S WAYNE MANOR! MAKES ME FEEL RIGHT AT HOME!
I KNEW IT HAD BEEN SELECTED FOR DUPLICATION IN THE EXHIBIT, BUT I KEPT IT AS A SURPRISE FOR YOU, DICK!
MOMENTS LATER, BRUCE (BATMAN) WAYNE AND DICK (ROBIN) GRAYSON STEP INTO THE LIGHT-WEIGHT HOUSE OF THE FUTURE...
WOW! SPECIAL PANELS TO SHOW THE LATEST NEWS STORIES! AN INBUILT TELEVISION SET TO FOCUS ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD YOU WANT TO PICK UP A CHANNEL! BUTTONS TO START FOOD COOKING, TO CLEAN ROOMS AUTOMATICALLY--BUT... BUT...
BUT WHAT, DICK?



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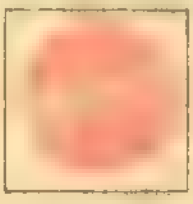

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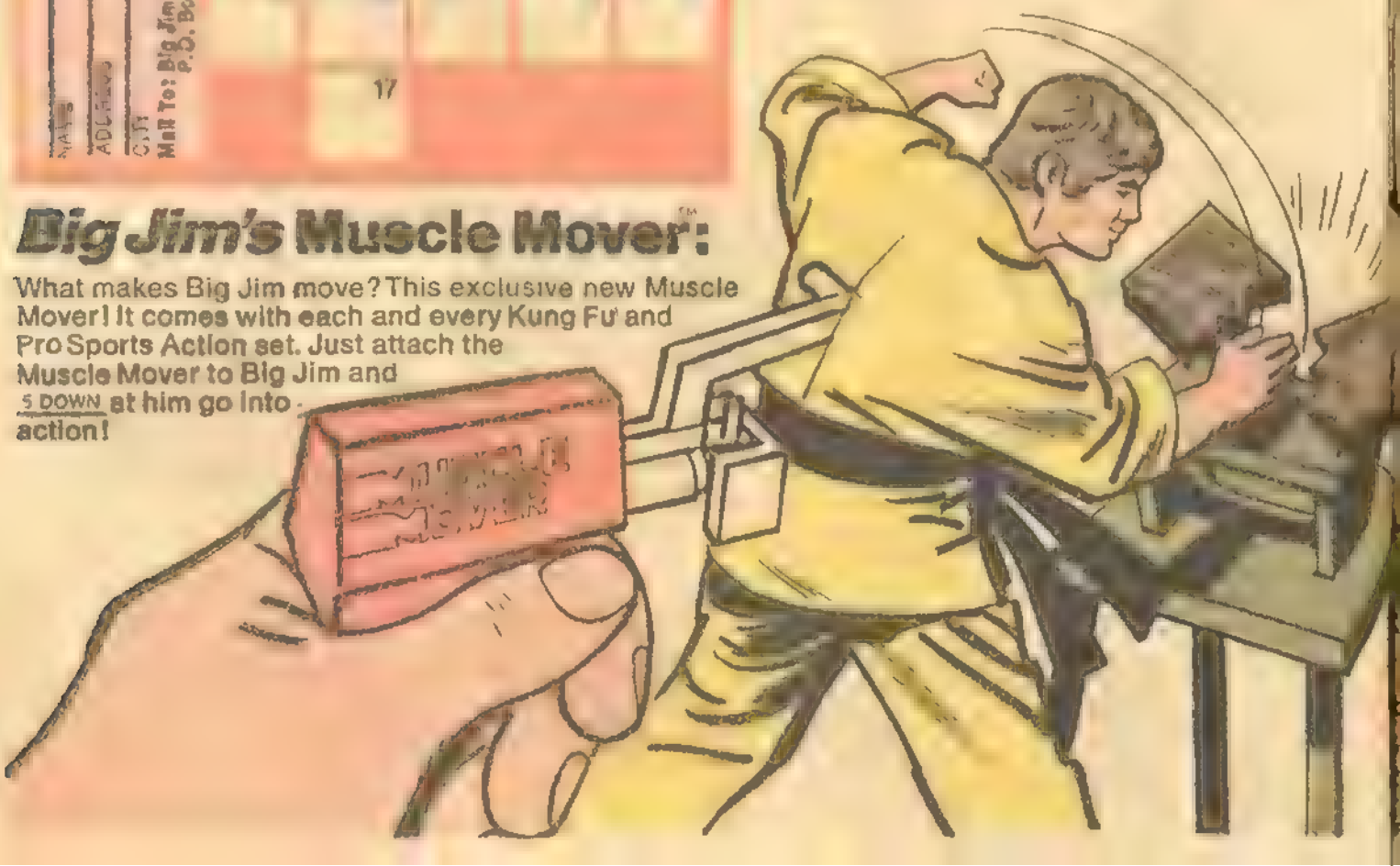

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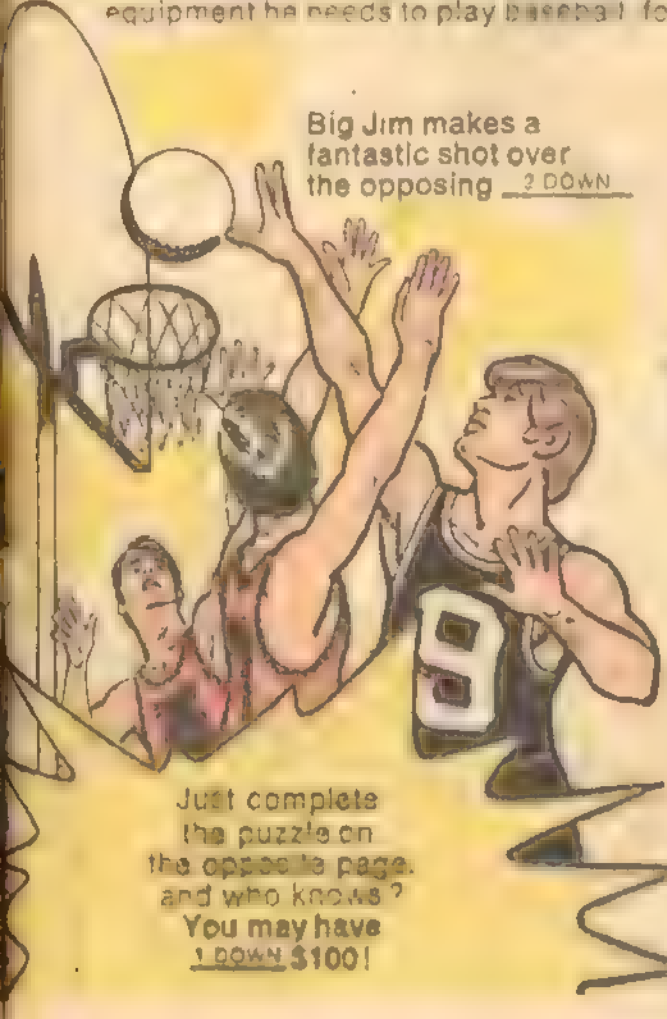
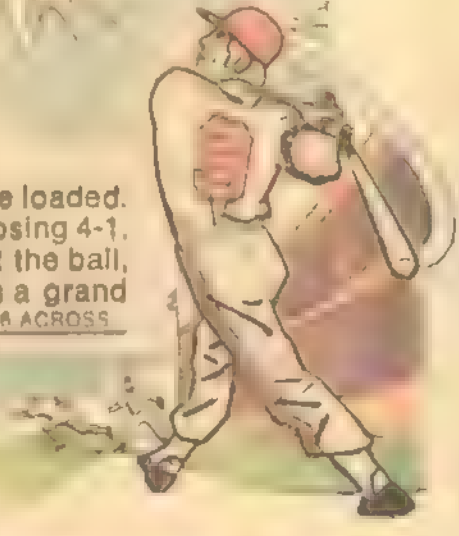


Big Jim makes a fantastic shot over the opposing 2 DOWN

The bases are loaded. Big Jim's team is losing 4-1. Big Jim swings at the ball, and hits a grand slam home 8 ACROSS



Big Jim kicks a field 2 ACROSS, and saves the day for his team.

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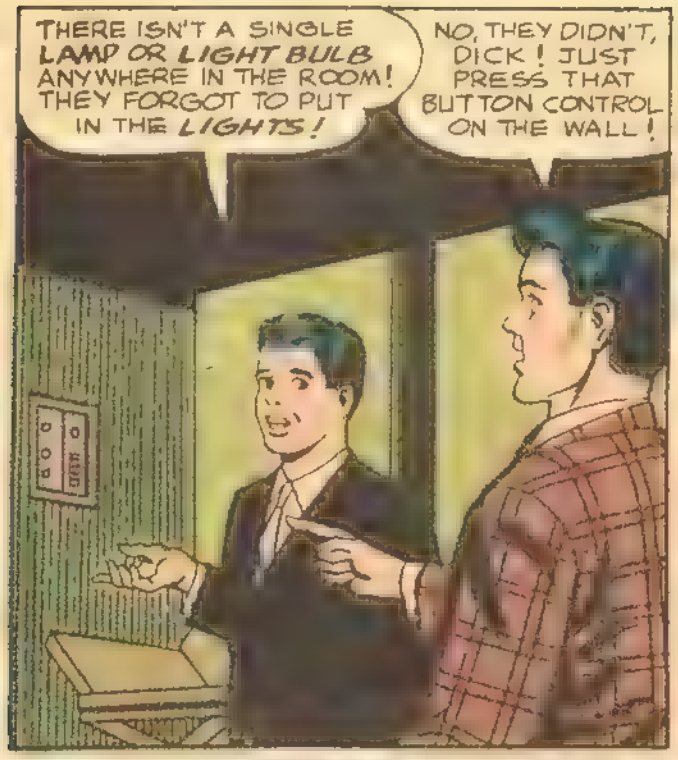
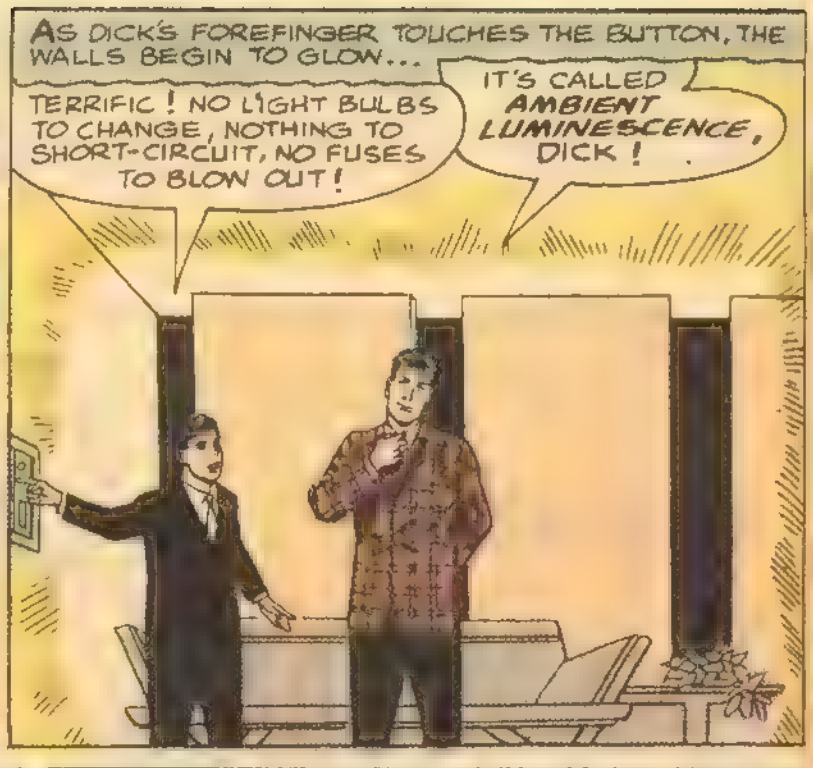
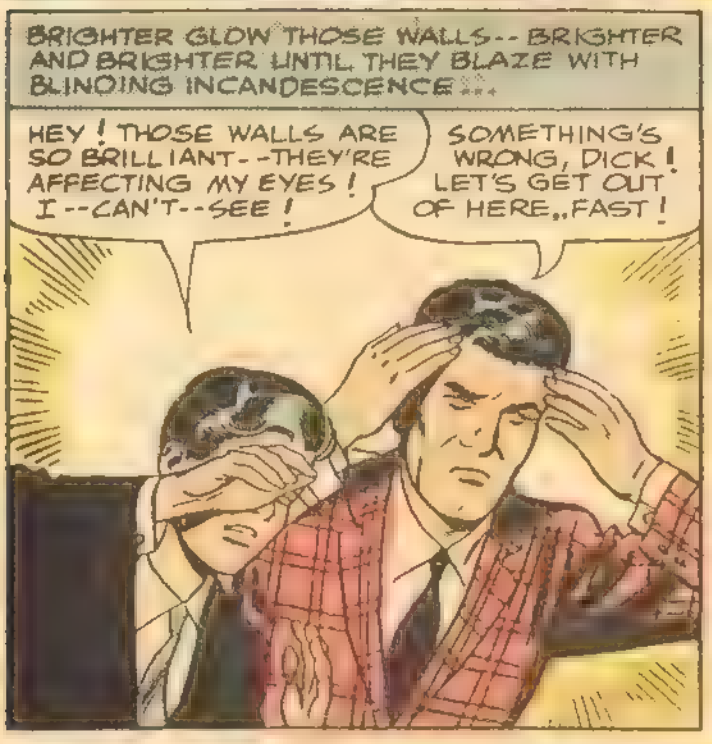
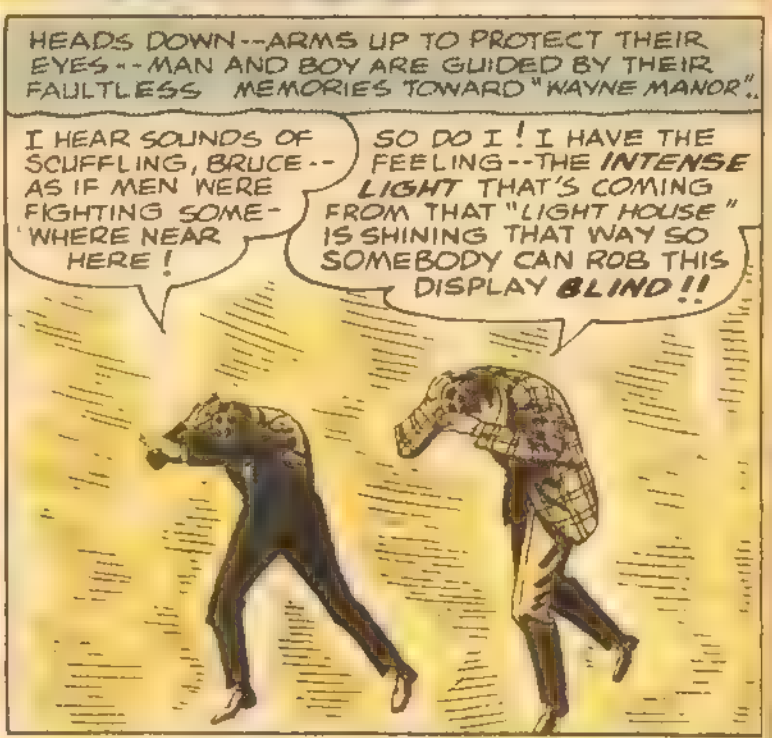
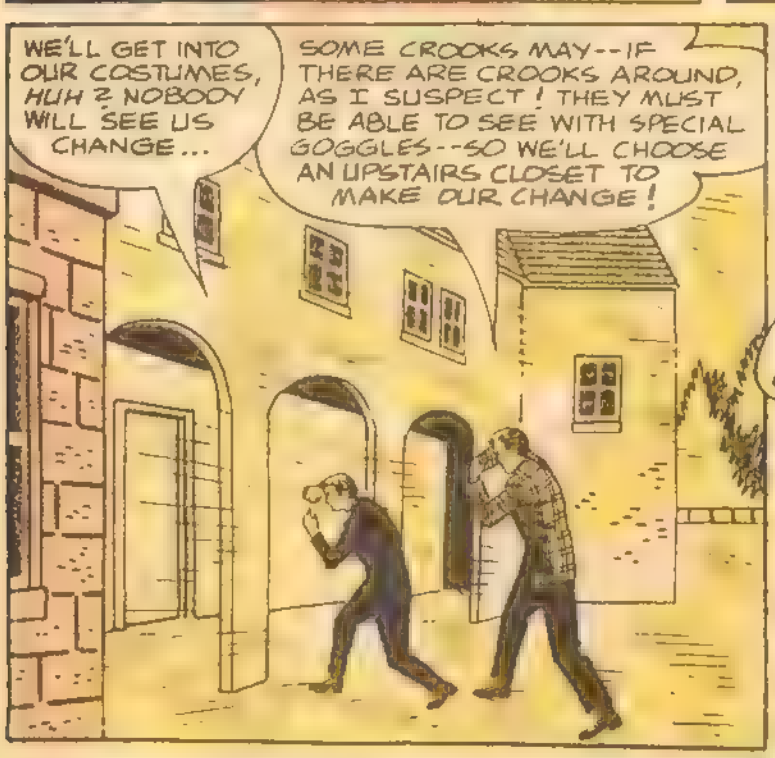
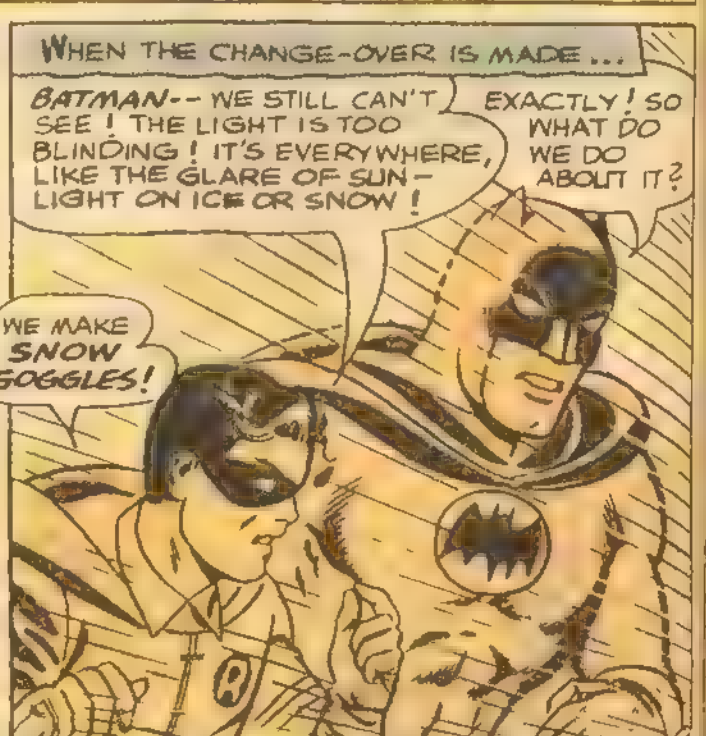

THERE ISN'T A SINGLE LAMP OR LIGHT BULB ANYWHERE IN THE ROOM! THEY FORGOT TO PUT IN THE LIGHTS!
NO, THEY DIDN'T, DICK! JUST PRESS THAT BUTTON CONTROL ON THE WALL!


AS DICK'S FOREFINGER TOUCHES THE BUTTON, THE WALLS BEGIN TO GLOW...
TERRIFIC! NO LIGHT BULBS TO CHANGE, NOTHING TO SHORT-CIRCUIT, NO FUSES TO BLOW OUT!
IT'S CALLED AMBIENT LUMINESCENCE, DICK!


BRIGHTER GLOW THOSE WALLS--BRIGHTER AND BRIGHTER UNTIL THEY BLAZE WITH BLINDING INCANDESCENCE...
HEY! THOSE WALLS ARE SO BRILLIANT--THEY'RE AFFECTING MY EYES! I--CAN'T--SEE!
SOMETHING'S WRONG, DICK! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE,,FAST!


HEADS DOWN--ARMS UP TO PROTECT THEIR EYES--MAN AND BOY ARE GUIDED BY THEIR FAULTLESS MEMORIES TOWARD "WAYNE MANOR"..
I HEAR SOUNDS OF SCUFFLING, BRUCE--AS IF MEN WERE FIGHTING SOMEWHERE NEAR HERE!
SO DO I! I HAVE THE FEELING--THE INTENSE LIGHT THAT'S COMING FROM THAT "LIGHT HOUSE" IS SHINING THAT WAY SO SOMEBODY CAN ROB THIS DISPLAY BLIND!!


WE'LL GET INTO OUR COSTUMES, HUH? NOBODY WILL SEE US CHANGE...
SOME CROOKS MAY--IF THERE ARE CROOKS AROUND, AS I SUSPECT! THEY MUST BE ABLE TO SEE WITH SPECIAL GOGGLES--SO WE'LL CHOOSE AN UPSTAIRS CLOSET TO MAKE OUR CHANGE!


WHEN THE CHANGE-OVER IS MADE...
BATMAN--WE STILL CAN'T SEE! THE LIGHT IS TOO BLINDING! IT'S EVERYWHERE, LIKE THE GLARE OF SUN-LIGHT ON ICE OR SNOW!
EXACTLY! SO WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT IT?
WE MAKE SNOW GOGGLES!

SOON... WITH THESE SUNGLASSES FROM THE CONTACT LENS COMPARTMENT OF OUR UTILITY BELTS--AND A CAN OF BLACK SHOE POLISH--WE CAN MAKE PERFECT SNOW GOGGLES!
USING THE DESIGN THAT'S SCIENTIFICALLY SLOTTED TO PERMIT FULL VISION, YET KEEP OUT GLARE!
APPLYING THE SHOE POLISH, THE DYNAMIC DUO DON THEIR GLARE GOGGLES...
IT'S WORKING! MY EYESIGHT'S COMING BACK...
THIS GOGGLE DESIGN HAS BEEN WORKED OUT BY OPTICAL EXPERTS!
THEIR KEEN EARS PICK UP THE SOUND OF FOOTSTEPS IN THE LIVING ROOM BELOW! WHEN THEY COME SLAMMING IN, THEY ARE ABLE TO SEE DIMLY THAT...
THERE THEY ARE--STEALING THE ORIGINAL MODIGLIANIS MY FATHER BOUGHT IN PARIS!
BRUCE WAYNE LOANED THEM TO THE DISPLAY--BUT NOT TO BE STOLEN!
BATMAN'S FIRST MOVE--TO SLAM A DIVAN ACROSS THE ROOM...
THAT OUGHT TO UPSET THEM AND THEIR CROOKED PLANS!
WE'D BETTER WHIP OUT OUR GUNS--!
BATMAN'S NEXT MOVE--TO LEAPFROG OVER THE DIVAN AND...
NO SHOOTING, BOYS! BULLETS ARE OFF LIMITS!

BOP!!
THIS'LL TAKE YOU OUT OF THE ACTION!
HIS FEET HIT THE FLOOR JUST AS...
I'VE GOT YOU PINNED IN MY SIGHTS, BATMAN!
NOW YOU SEE ME--
--NOW YOU DON'T!
MY HEELS HIT THE CARPET AT JUST THE RIGHT ANGLE TO YANK IT OUT FROM UNDER YOU!
THE MASKED MANHUNTER WHEELS AND DEALS IN ALMOST THE SAME MOTION...
AND HERE'S MY RIGHT FIST--TO DO THE RIGHT JOB!
TO ONE SIDE OF THE COWLED CRUSADER, THE TEEN-AGE THUNDERBOLT HAS BEEN BUSY IN FIST-FLYING FURY...
THANKS FOR REMOVING THE EXPENSIVE CANVAS FROM THAT FRAME...
IT ENABLED ME TO FRAME YOU IN MY SIGHTS!

WHAT A PERFECT PORTRAIT--FOR THE ROGUES' GALLERY!
WATCH OVER OUR CAPTIVES, ROBIN! I'M HEADING FOR THAT LIGHT-HOUSE TO SHUT OFF THAT BLINDING GLARE!
THEY WON'T MOVE--TILL THE POLICE CART THEM AWAY, BATMAN!
MOMENTS LATER, IN THE HOUSE OF THE FUTURE...
THERE'S NO WAY TO PUT OUT THE WALL-LIGHTING--EXCEPT BY SMASHING ITS POWER SOURCE--THIS MACHINE!
WHEN EYESIGHT RETURNS TO NORMAL AND THE FAIR GUARDS APPEAR...
THERE WERE BANDS OF ROBBERS ALL OVER THE FAIR! YOU AND ROBIN CAPTURED ONE OF THEM--BUT THE OTHERS GOT AWAY WITH SOME VALUABLE ART TREASURES!
I'M MORE CONVINCED THAN EVER THERE'S SOME CRIMINAL MASTERMIND BEHIND THESE ROBBERIES--BUT WHAT'S HIS UNIQUE PATTERN?
IT CAN'T BE THE JOKER?--I HEARD NO EERIE LAUGHTER! THE RIDDLER? THERE WERE NO RIDDLES TO SOLVE! THE SCARECROW--POISON IVY?
MAYBE OUR PRISONERS CAN TELL ME!
THE CAPTURED MEN ARE NO HELP...
I'M GOING TO ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS--BUT UNDER THE LAW I MUST ADVISE YOU OF YOUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS! YOU ARE ENTITLED TO A LAWYER, YOU NEED NOT ANSWER...
HOLD IT BATMAN! WE KNOW OUR RIGHTS--AND WE AIN'T TALKIN'!

NEXT NIGHT, AS THE BAT-MOBILE PROWLS THE CITY STREETS...
TWO SPECTACULAR CRIMES--IN TWO SUCCESSIVE EVENINGS! THERE MUST BE A CONNECTION BETWEEN THE ROBBERY AT THE GOTHAM SQUARE GARDEN AND AT THE ARCHITECTURAL FAIR--BUT I CAN'T PUT MY FINGER ON IT!
WE HAVE ONE THING GOING FOR US! IF THERE ARE TO BE SEVEN OF THESE CRIMES--WE HAVE FIVE MORE CHANCES TO STOP THEM!
UPWARD FROM THE CITY SKYLINE AHEAD RISES A FORMLESS--SHAPELESS--SOMETHING...
BATMAN--WHAT'S THAT?
IT'S GROWING--GETTING BIGGER--BIGGER...
TALLER AND TALLER THE EERIE SHAPE TOWERS--UNTIL...
IT'S A FIGURE OF--YOU!!
A GIGANTIC PLASTIC BAG--IN THE SHAPE OF BATMAN--INFLATED BY A GAS--STRADDLING THE HARBOR...
NEXT INSTANT... THE ELECTRIC LIGHTS BLINK OUT...
THERE'S NO LIGHT ANYWHERE, ROBIN--EXCEPT OUR HEADLIGHTS!
IT'S JUST LIKE THE POWER FAILURE THAT HIT GOTHAM CITY A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO!
IT'S MORE THAN A POWER FAILURE! LOOK WHAT'S UP AHEAD!
A GIGANTIC ROBBERY! THOSE MEN ARE CLEANING OUT THE MINT!
THEY'RE WEARING SPECIAL GOGGLES THAT ENABLE THEM TO SEE IN THIS PITCH-DARKNESS!
STEEL YOURSELF, ROBIN--HERE COMES LEAD-LIGHTNING!

THEY SHOT OUT OUR HEADLIGHTS!
N-NOW WE'RE BLIND AS-- BATS!
A-THOSE SPECIAL LENSES ARE SLIPPED INTO PLACE... UNDER THEIR MASKS...
JACKPOT ON OUR FIRST TRY! THAT MAMMOTH BATMAN IS BLAZING LIKE THE SUN!
EMITTING INFRA-RED RAYS! THERE'S YOUR POWER SOURCE--CLEARING UP HOW THOSE CROOKS CAN SEE SO WELL IN THE DARK!
IF THOSE GOGGLES LET THEM SEE IN THIS DARKNESS--WHAT'S THEIR POWER SOURCE?
ONE OF OUR UTILITY BELTS' COMPARTMENTS IS FILLED WITH AN ASSORTMENT OF CONTACT LENSES--
START WITH THE MOST LIKELY ONE--INFRA-RED--THAT LETS A PERSON SEE ALMOST UTTER DARKNESS!
OUTWARD FLASHES A BAT-ROPE, FORWARD ZIPS A BAT-ARANG...
IF THOSE CROOKS THINK THEY CAN SKIP OFF--IT'LL BE TO THE TUNE OF A BAT-ROPE!
I'LL GET THEM STARTED--WITH A BATARANG BEAT!
TO AVOID THE WHIZZING BATARANG, THE TRIO OF THIEVES LEAPS HIGH...
HEY! HOW CAN WE SHOOT 'EM IF WE KEEP MOVING LIKE THIS?
WE HAFTA MOVE--OR WE'LL GET HIT BY THE BATARANG--
--OR THE BAT-ROPE!

AS BATMAN STARTS SWINGING THE BAT-ROPE, THE CROOKS KEEP JUMPING...
FIRST ONE THAT MISSES--GETS MY FIST AS A PRIZE...
EEEYAH--GOT MY FEET TANGLED UP!
AND HERE'S THE WINNER!
AND HERE'S WHERE ROBIN ENDS UP AS A DEAD LOSER!
THE MASKED MANHUNTER LEAPS LIKE AN ANGRY CAT AND...
PARDON MY SHOVE, ROBIN--
BUT I HAD TO GET THAT GUNMAN TO FIRE AT EMPTY AIR!
TWISTING IN MID-AIR, THE STEEL-THEWED LEGS OF THE CAPED CRUSADER LOCK IN A BREATH-SQUEEZING SCISSORS GRIP...
ONE HOOD GOING UP!
AND WHATEVER GOES UP--
--MUST GO DOWN!
KA-PLUNK

WELL, WE CAUGHT THREE MORE OF 'EM, ANYHOW!
YES--BUT I'VE A FEELING THERE WERE OTHERS WHO GOT AWAY WITH OTHER LOOT!
AND STILL NO PATTERN TO THESE SPECTACULAR CRIMES THAT I CAN SEE!
LATER, IN THE BATCAVE, AFTER THE BALLOON-BATMAN HAS BEEN DEFLATED--AND THE LIGHTS GO ON AGAIN IN GOTHAM CITY...
THREE CRIMES SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO ADD UP TO SOME SORT OF COMMON DENOMINATOR...
LET'S SUM UP WHAT WE KNOW SO FAR...
GOTHAM GARDEN + HANGING FATHER KNICKERBOCKER
✓ARCHITECTURAL FAIR + A LIGHT-WEIGHT HOUSE
✓A COLOSSAL BATMAN THAT GLOWS
ROBIN--THAT "COLOSSAL BATMAN" RINGS A BELL!
IT STRADDLED GOTHAM HARBOR--JUST LIKE THE COLOSSUS OF RHODES!
AND THE COLOSSUS OF RHODES WAS ONE OF THE SEVEN WONDERS OF THE ANCIENT WORLD!
IT'S CLEARING UP NOW! THE HANGING FIGURE AT THE GARDEN--EQUALS THE HANGING GARDENS OF BABYLON, ANOTHER ANCIENT WONDER!
THAT TIES IN WITH THAT FIGURE SEVEN ON THE BACK OF FATHER KNICKERBOCKER!
FINALLY--THE 'LIGHT-HOUSE" AT THE FAIR--CORRESPONDS TO THE LIGHTHOUSE OF PHAROS, STILL ANOTHER WONDER!
OUR MYSTERIOUS MASTERMIND IS COMMITTING SEVEN WONDER CRIMES IN GOTHAM CITY, PATTERNED AFTER THE SEVEN WONDERS OF THE ANCIENT WORLD!
NOW IF WE CAN ONLY DOPE OUT WHAT THE NEXT WONDER CRIME WILL BE, WE COULD BE ON HAND TO NAB HIM!

I REMEMBER READING THAT THE WORLD'S BIGGEST DIAMOND -- THE JUGGERNAUT -- WILL BE ON DISPLAY TOMORROW AT THE JEWELRY TEMPLE OF ARTEMIS...
ARTEMIS -- THE GREEK WORD FOR THE ROMAN GODDESS DIANA --
AND THE TEMPLE OF DIANA WAS ANOTHER OF THE ANCIENT WONDERS! ROBIN -- WE'RE IN BUSINESS!
THE FOLLOWING EVENING, IN AN INNER OFFICE OF THE JEWELRY TEMPLE OF ARTEMIS...
I'M GETTING FIDGETY! OUR CLOSED TV SET-UP ENABLES US TO WATCH THE JUGGERNAUT DIAMOND IN THE MAIN SALON -- BUT NOTHING SPECTACULAR IS HAP--
HOLD IT, ROBIN -- THE DIAMOND'S "TALKING"!
NO ONE MOVE! EVERYBODY -- STAY MOTIONLESS...
SO! ONE OF YOU DID MOVE! VERY WELL -- NOW MY BEAM WILL KEEP YOU ALL ROOTED TO THE SPOT!
WHILE IN THE INNER OFFICE...
LET'S GO, ROBIN! AND FROM THE WAY THAT CRYSTAL GOBLET BROKE --
IT MEANS THE MASTERMIND USED A SONIC BEAM TO PARALYZE THE PEOPLE IN THE MAIN SALON -- SO WE'RE TO INSERT EAR-PLUGS FROM OUR UTILITY BELTS TO PREVENT IT HAPPENING TO US!
AS I DASHED IN HERE, I KEPT MY EYES PEELED FOR SOMEONE IN THE CROWD WHO'D TURN TO LOOK AT ME -- WHICH THIS ONE DID!
HE'S THE MASTERMIND WEARING EAR-PLUGS -- AND USING VENTRILOQUISM TO MAKE IT SEEM THE DIAMOND SPOKE!
SIX CROOKS HERE -- TO HELP THEMSELVES TO ALL THIS LOOT!

A BODY BLOCK-- FOR A COUPLE OF BLOCKHEADS!
I'M DOWN-- BUT THEY'RE THE ONES WHO ARE GOING-- OUT!
TOO BAD I'M WEARING EAR-PLUGS! THOSE CROOKS' CRASHING SOUNDS WOULD MAKE SWEET MUSIC TO MY EARS!
KLOMP
LET US NOW PAN OVER TO BATMAN, WHO, HAVING KAYOED TWO MORE OF THE GANG...
NABBED THE LAST TWO FROM BEHIND--
WHEN THESE TWO END UP IN JAIL, THEY'LL BE SORE HEADS-- PHYSICALLY AS WELL AS MENTALLY!
KRACCK!

AND WHEN THE SONIC PARALYSIS BEAM IS SHUT OFF, AND THE EAR-PLUGS REMOVED FROM THE MASTERMIND THIEF...
YOUR SEVEN WONDER CRIMES OF GOTHAM CITY CAPER HAS BEEN CANCELED...
ONLY FOR AWHILE, BATMAN!
SOMEDAY--AND SOONER THAN YOU EXPECT-- I'LL BE OUT OF PRISON AND MAKING HISTORY AS THE THIEF WHO COMMITTED THE SEVEN WONDER CRIMES OF THE MODERN WORLD!
IN THE BAT-CAVE, AFTER THE LOOT HAS BEEN RE-COVERED AND RE-TURNED...
WHAT AN EGOTIST! IMAGINE BOASTING HE'LL GO DOWN IN HISTORY AS THE GREATEST THIEF OF ALL TIME!
IF I MAY SAY SO, MASTER DICK, THAT'S AS IMPOSSIBLE A SITUATION AS AN IMMOVABLE OBJECT CO-EXISTING WITH AN IRRESISTIBLE FORCE!
SINCE HISTORY WILL RECORD BATMAN AND ROBIN AS THE GREATEST OF ALL CRIMINAL-CATCHERS--THAT BANDIT-BRAGGART WILL NEVER ACHIEVE HIS OBJECTIVE!
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THE MASKED MANHUNTER AGAIN TEAMS WITH THAT OTHER NEMESIS OF EVIL, ON THE...

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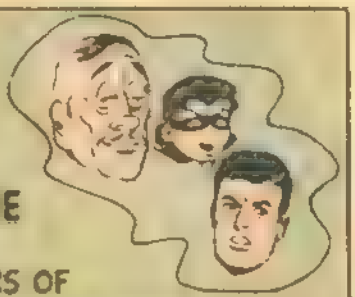
PLUS
TWO MEMBERS OF
THE JUSTICE LEAGUE of AMERICA!



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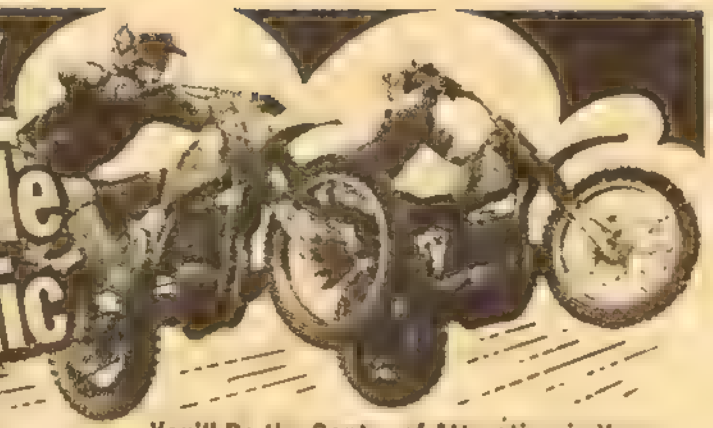

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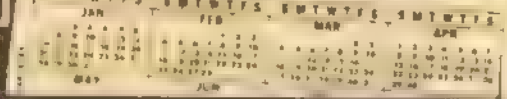

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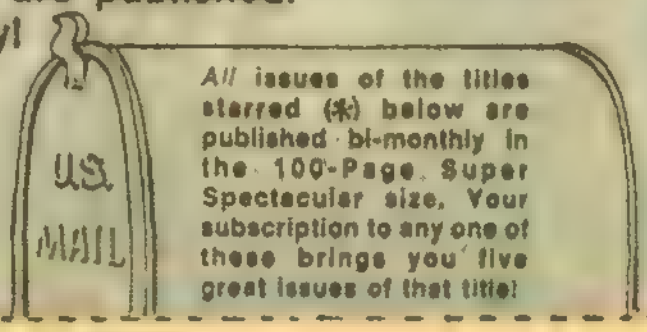

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SOMEONE ONCE OFFERED A BIT OF ADVICE TO THIEVES: "NEVER STEAL ANYTHING SMALL!" AND, BOY, DID OUR OLD ENEMY, THE CAVALIER, TAKE THAT TO HEART!
HE SURE DID, ROBIN! HE STOLE TWENTY TONS OF LIVING LOOT... A FULL-GROWN WHALE!
BATMAN
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER
BOB KANE
A CROOK FOR THE BOOKS IS THE CUNNING CAVALIER, THAT SWASHBUCKLING SWORDSMAN OF CRIME! FOR IN A SINGLE BOLD LEAP, HE SPRINGS FROM THE GARNERING OF MINIATURE BOOTY—TRINKETS AND GADGETS AND ODD BRIC-A-BRAC--TO THE MOST COLOSSAL LOOT IN THE WORLD! BUT THERE'S NO ELUDING THE MIGHTY BATMAN AND ROBIN, AS THEY TAKE TO THE TRAIL OF THE ROMANTIC ROGUE IN HIS LATEST PUZZLE OF THE... "TWENTY-TON ROBBERY!"
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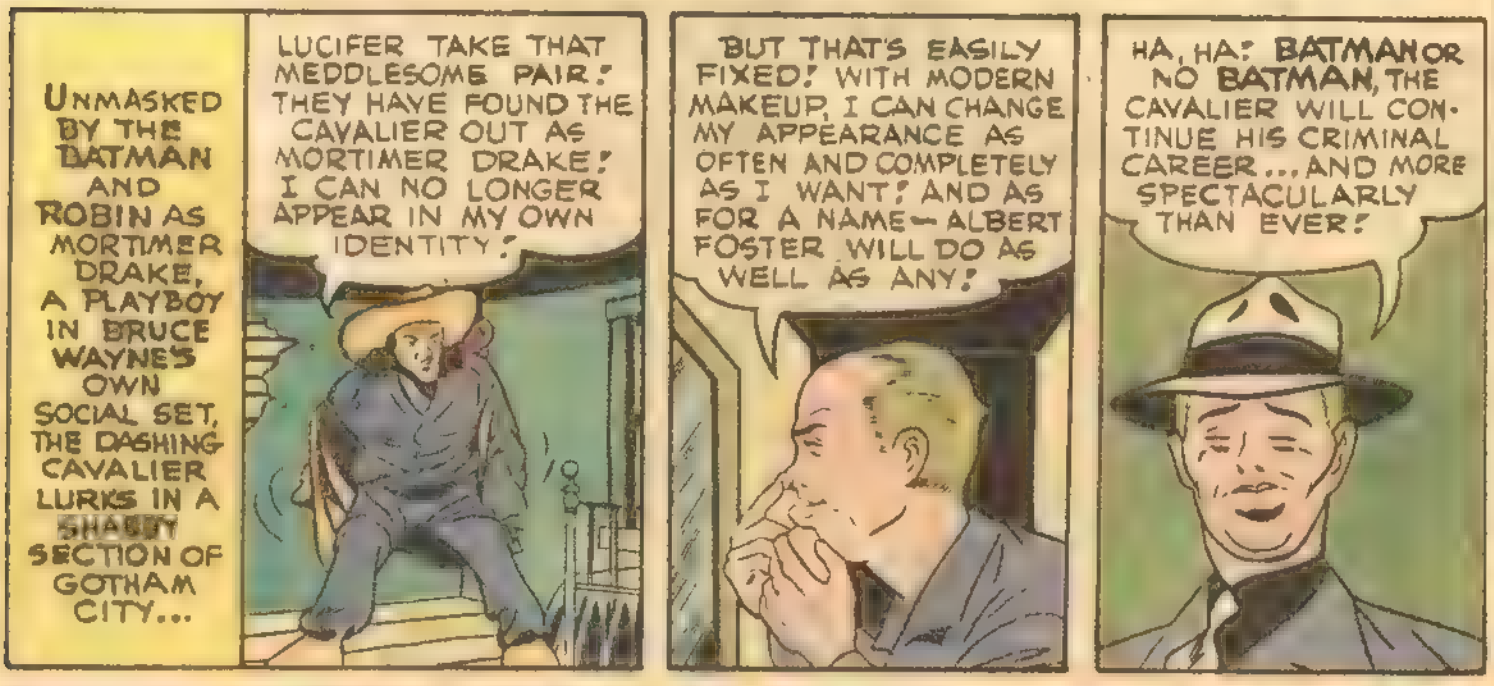
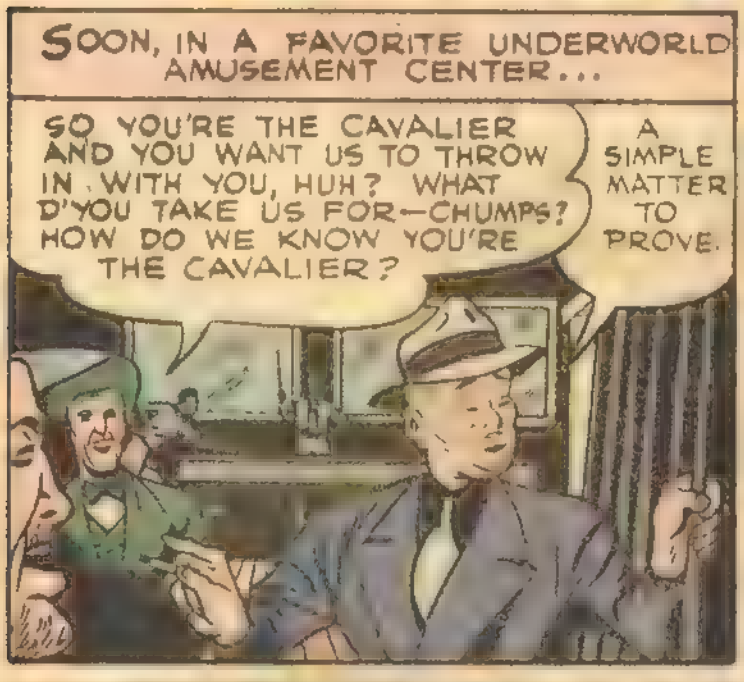
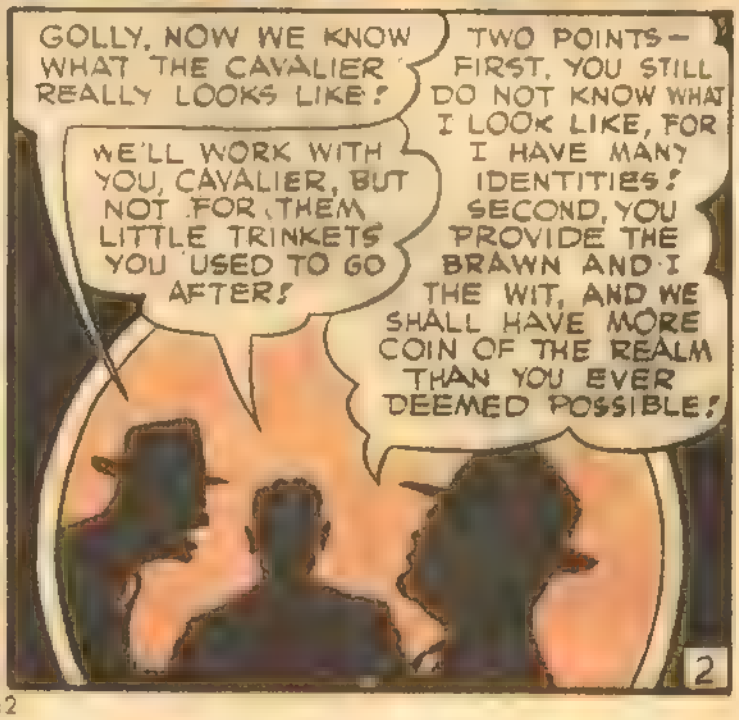

UNMASKED BY THE BATMAN AND ROBIN AS MORTIMER DRAKE, A PLAYBOY IN BRUCE WAYNE'S OWN SOCIAL SET, THE DASHING CAVALIER LURKS IN A SHADY SECTION OF GOTHAM CITY...
LUCIFER TAKE THAT MEDDLESOME PAIR! THEY HAVE FOUND THE CAVALIER OUT AS MORTIMER DRAKE! I CAN NO LONGER APPEAR IN MY OWN IDENTITY!
BUT THAT'S EASILY FIXED! WITH MODERN MAKEUP, I CAN CHANGE MY APPEARANCE AS OFTEN AND COMPLETELY AS I WANT! AND AS FOR A NAME—ALBERT FOSTER WILL DO AS WELL AS ANY!
HA, HA! BATMAN OR NO BATMAN, THE CAVALIER WILL CONTINUE HIS CRIMINAL CAREER... AND MORE SPECTACULARLY THAN EVER!


SOON, IN A FAVORITE UNDERWORLD AMUSEMENT CENTER...
SO YOU'RE THE CAVALIER AND YOU WANT US TO THROW IN WITH YOU, HUH? WHAT D'YOU TAKE US FOR—CHUMPS? HOW DO WE KNOW YOU'RE THE CAVALIER?
A SIMPLE MATTER TO PROVE.

ON GUARD!

YIPE!
ZUT! SO!
DIDYA SEE THAT? ONLY THE CAVALIER COULDA USED A STICK THAT WAY!


GOLLY, NOW WE KNOW WHAT THE CAVALIER REALLY LOOKS LIKE!
WE'LL WORK WITH YOU, CAVALIER, BUT NOT FOR THEM LITTLE TRINKETS YOU USED TO GO AFTER!
TWO POINTS—FIRST, YOU STILL DO NOT KNOW WHAT I LOOK LIKE, FOR I HAVE MANY IDENTITIES! SECOND, YOU PROVIDE THE BRAWN AND I THE WIT, AND WE SHALL HAVE MORE COIN OF THE REALM THAN YOU EVER DEEMED POSSIBLE!
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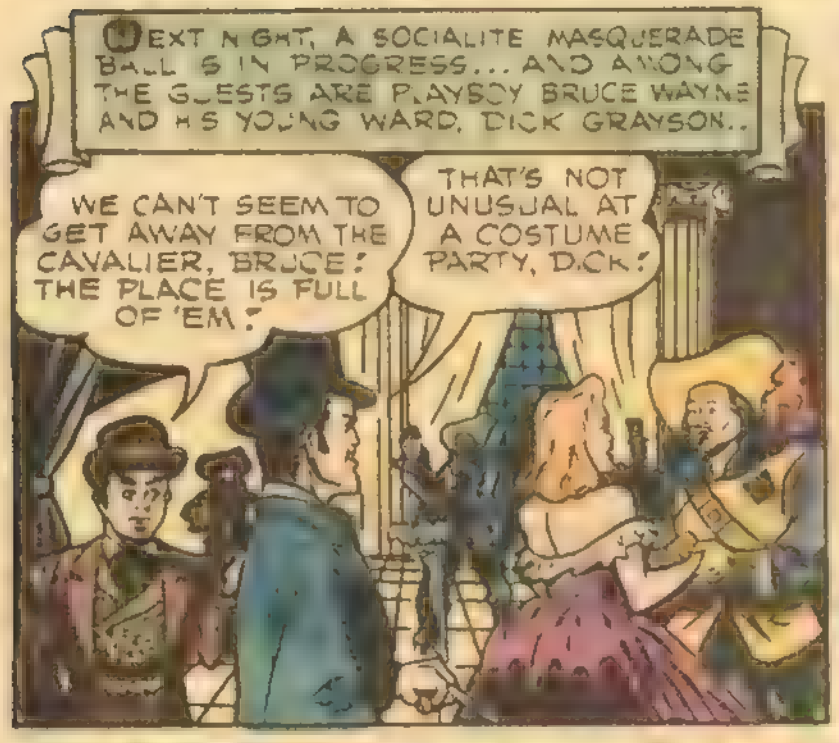
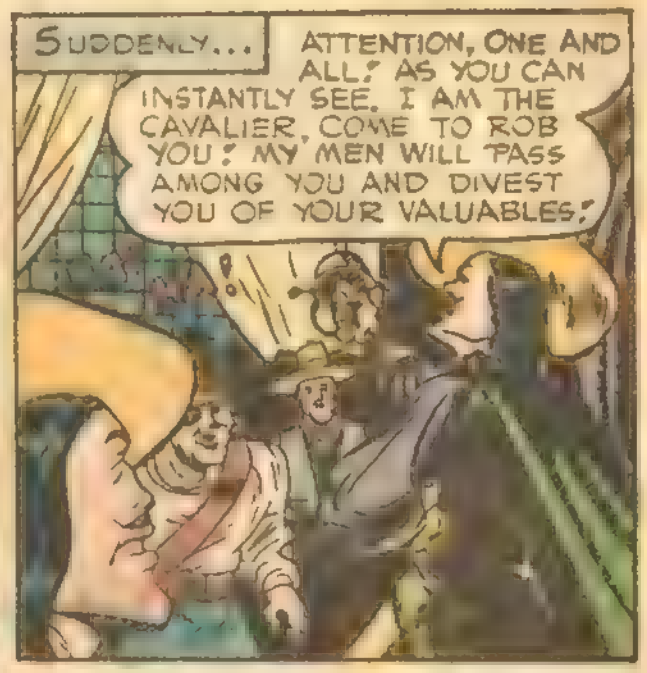
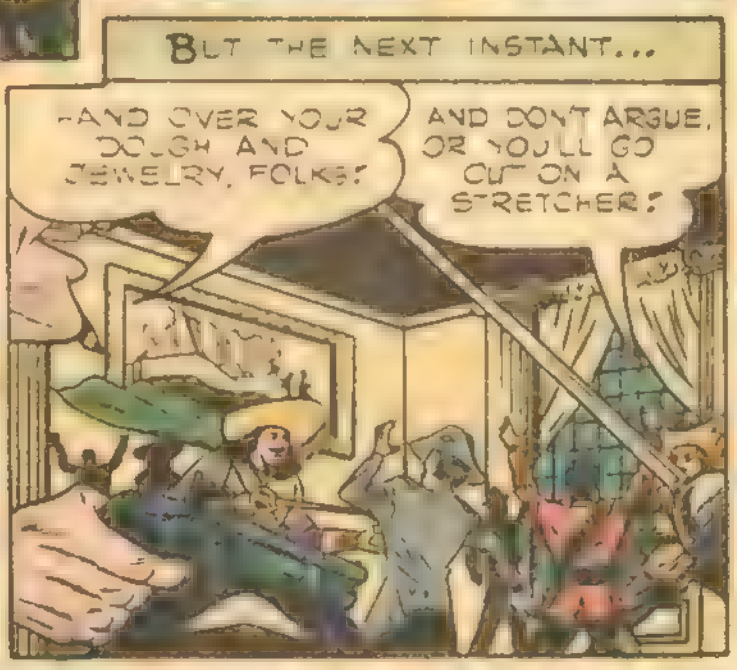
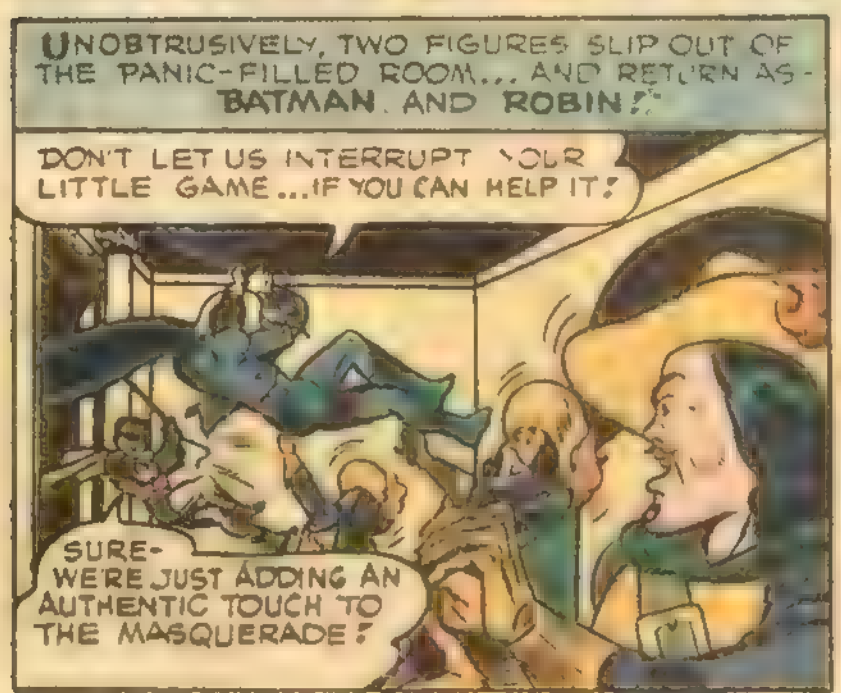
TWENTY-TON ROBBERY

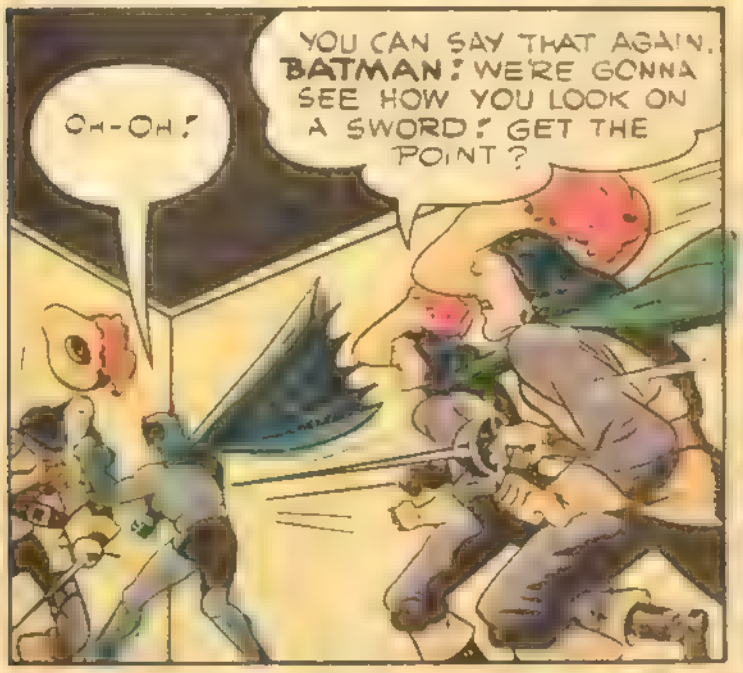

NEXT NIGHT, A SOCIALITE MASQUERADE BALL IS IN PROGRESS... AND AMONG THE GUESTS ARE PLAYBOY BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON..
WE CAN'T SEEM TO GET AWAY FROM THE CAVALIER, BRUCE! THE PLACE IS FULL OF 'EM!
THAT'S NOT UNUSUAL AT A COSTUME PARTY, DICK!

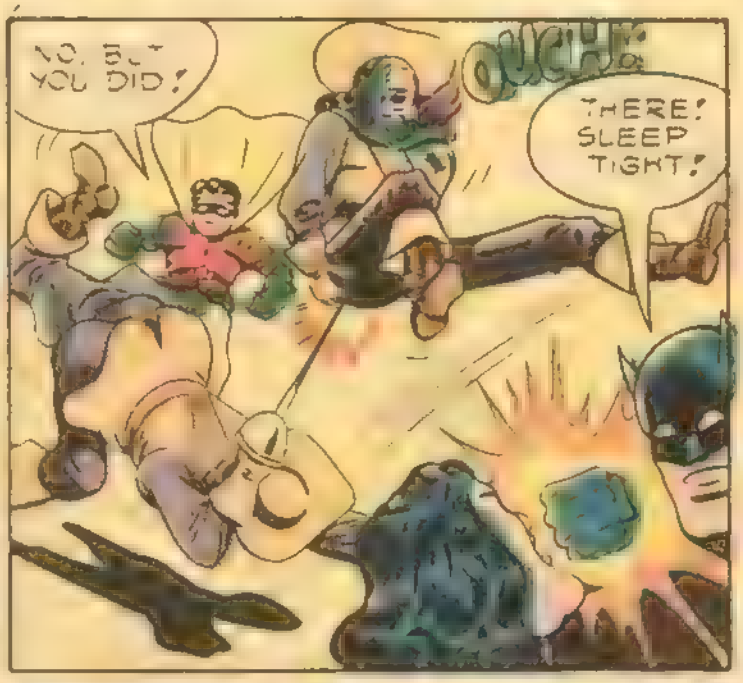

SUDDENLY...
ATTENTION, ONE AND ALL! AS YOU CAN INSTANTLY SEE, I AM THE CAVALIER, COME TO ROB YOU! MY MEN WILL PASS AMONG YOU AND DIVEST YOU OF YOUR VALUABLES!

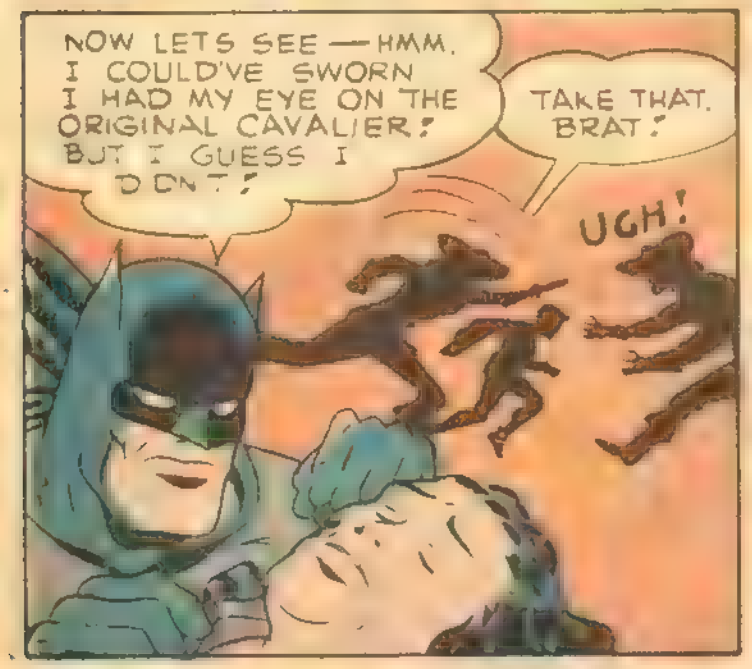
SAY, MAYBE THIS ISN'T A JOKE! HE DOES LOOK LIKE THE CAVALIER!
ANYBODY IN THAT OUTFIT WOULD— THOSE OTHER CAVALIERS, FOR INSTANCE!

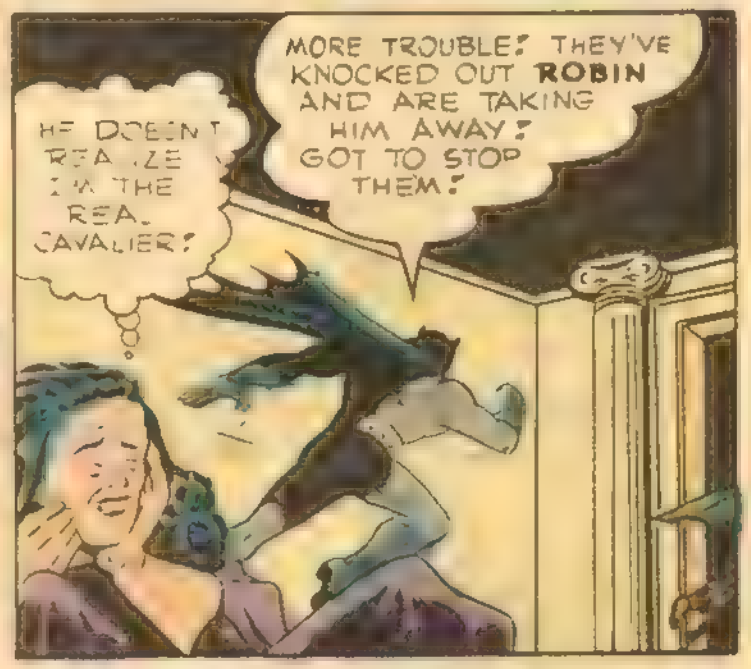


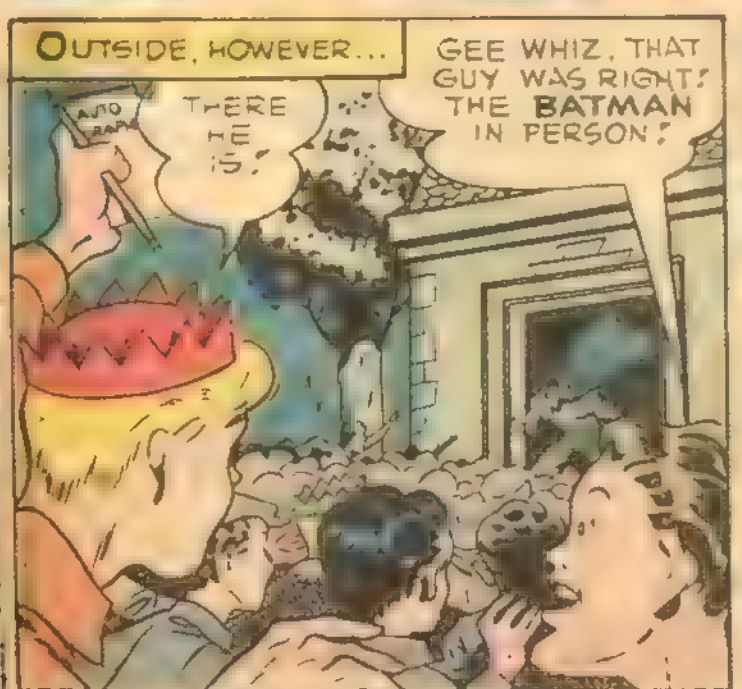

UNOBTRUSIVELY, TWO FIGURES SLIP OUT OF THE PANIC-FILLED ROOM... AND RETURN AS- BATMAN AND ROBIN!
DON'T LET US INTERRUPT YOUR LITTLE GAME...IF YOU CAN HELP IT!
SURE- WE'RE JUST ADDING AN AUTHENTIC TOUCH TO THE MASQUERADE!

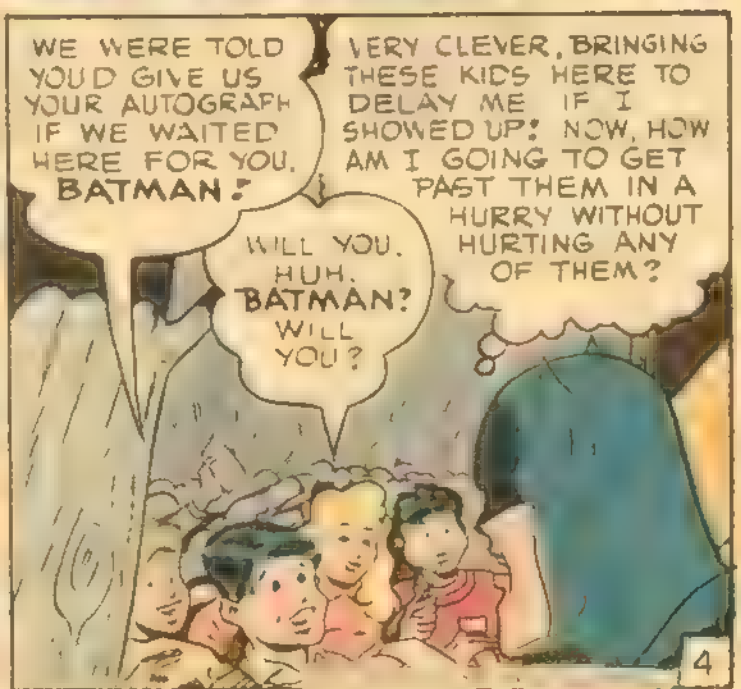

OH-OH!
YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN, BATMAN! WE'RE GONNA SEE HOW YOU LOOK ON A SWORD! GET THE POINT?


NO, BUT YOU DID!
OUCH!
THERE! SLEEP TIGHT!


NOW LETS SEE — HMM. I COULD'VE SWORN I HAD MY EYE ON THE ORIGINAL CAVALIER! BUT I GUESS I DON'T!
TAKE THAT, BRAT!
UGH!


HE DOESN'T REALIZE I'M THE REAL CAVALIER!
MORE TROUBLE! THEY'VE KNOCKED OUT ROBIN AND ARE TAKING HIM AWAY! GOT TO STOP THEM!


OUTSIDE, HOWEVER...
THERE HE IS!
GEE WHIZ, THAT GUY WAS RIGHT! THE BATMAN IN PERSON!


WE WERE TOLD YOU'D GIVE US YOUR AUTOGRAPH IF WE WAITED HERE FOR YOU, BATMAN!
VERY CLEVER, BRINGING THESE KIDS HERE TO DELAY ME IF I SHOWED UP! NOW, HOW AM I GOING TO GET PAST THEM IN A HURRY WITHOUT HURTING ANY OF THEM?
WILL YOU, HUH, BATMAN? WILL YOU?
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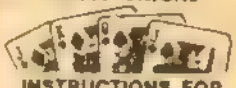

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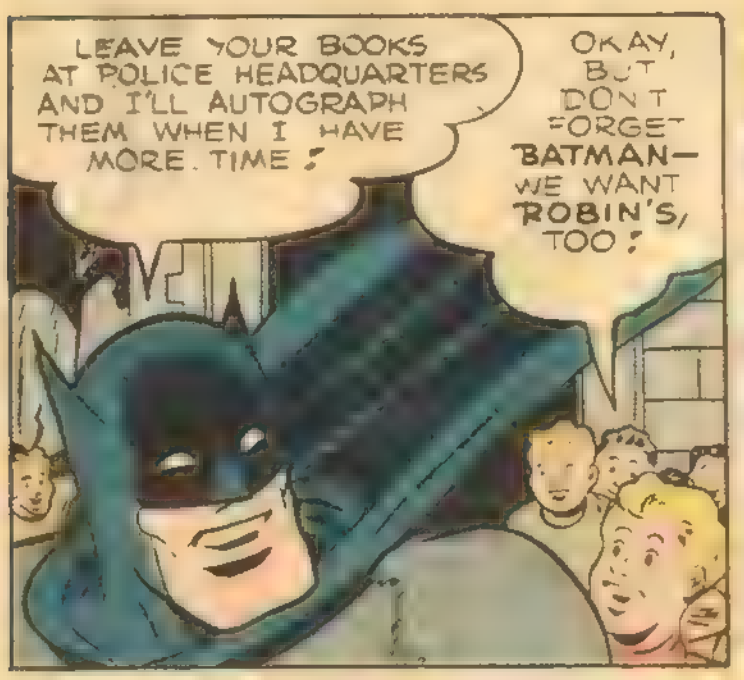
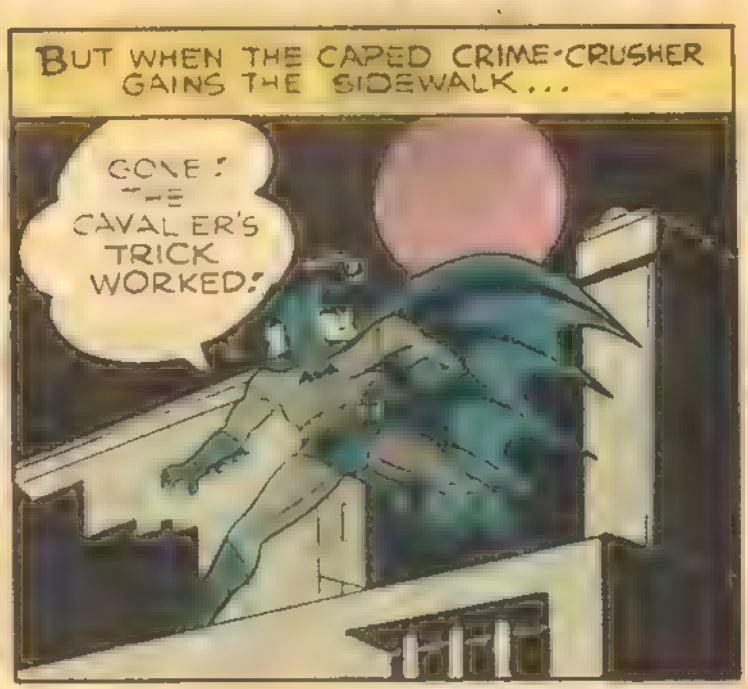
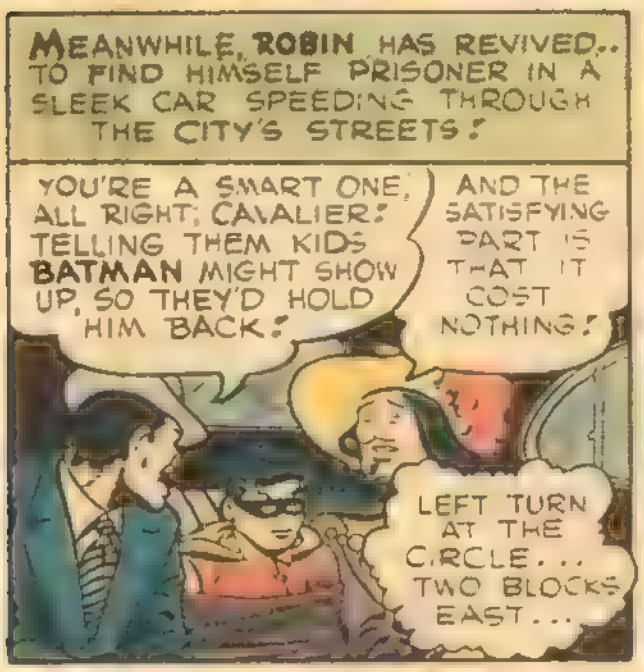
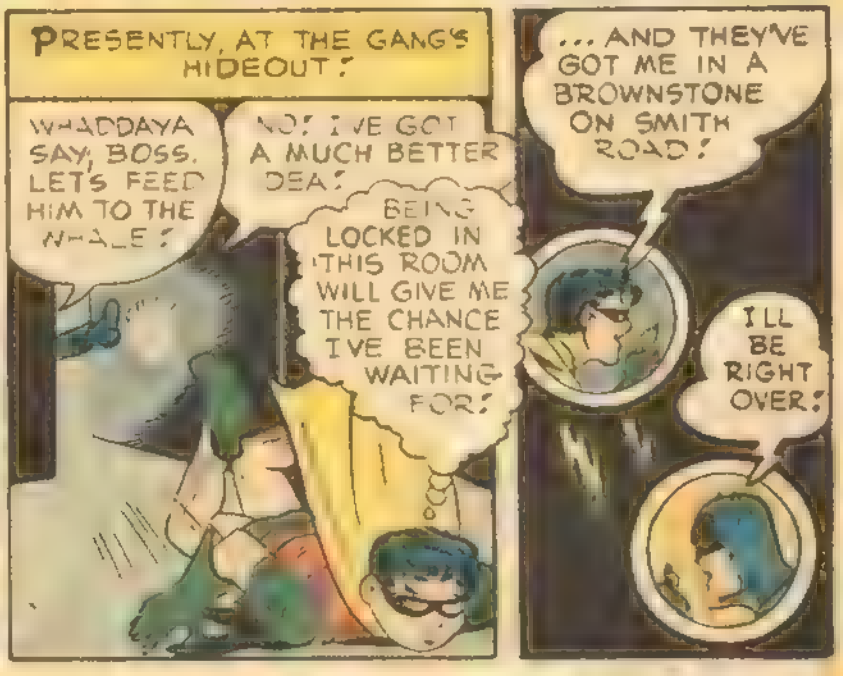
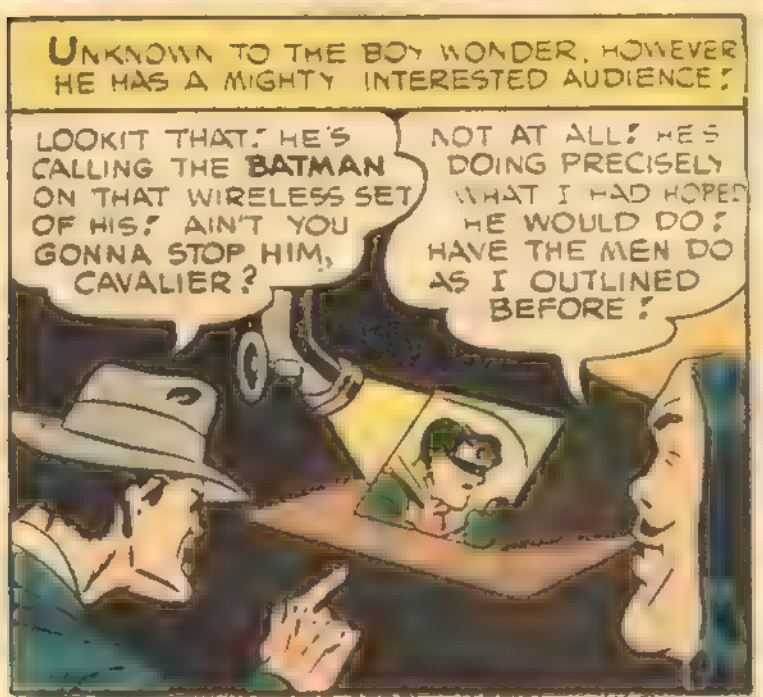
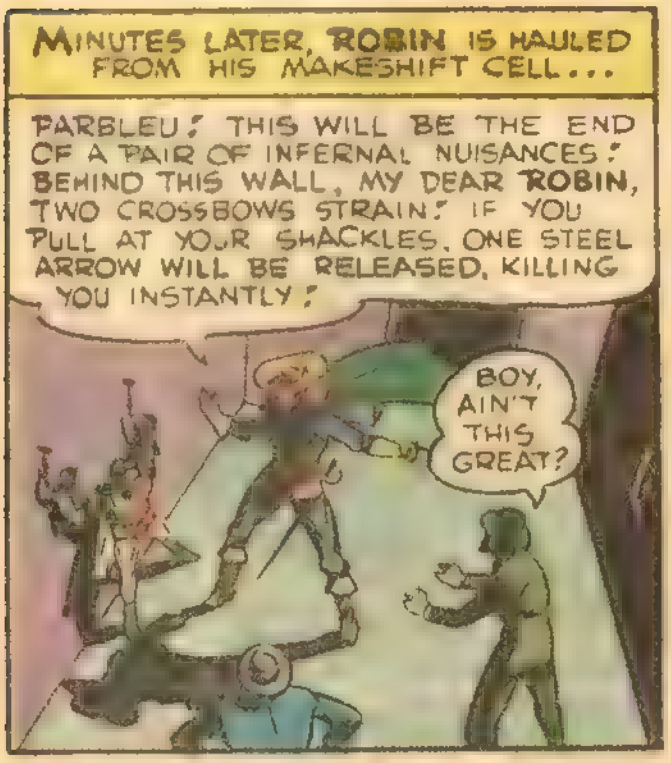

LEAVE YOUR BOOKS AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND I'LL AUTOGRAPH THEM WHEN I HAVE MORE TIME!
OKAY, BUT DON'T FORGET BATMAN— WE WANT ROBIN'S, TOO!

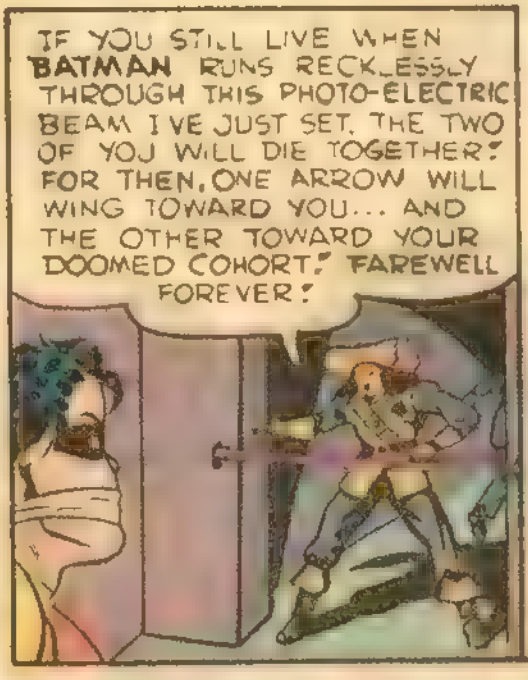



MEANWHILE, ROBIN HAS REVIVED.. TO FIND HIMSELF PRISONER IN A SLEEK CAR SPEEDING THROUGH THE CITY'S STREETS!
YOU'RE A SMART ONE, ALL RIGHT, CAVALIER! TELLING THEM KIDS BATMAN MIGHT SHOW UP, SO THEY'D HOLD HIM BACK!
AND THE SATISFYING PART IS THAT IT COST NOTHING!
LEFT TURN AT THE CIRCLE... TWO BLOCKS EAST...

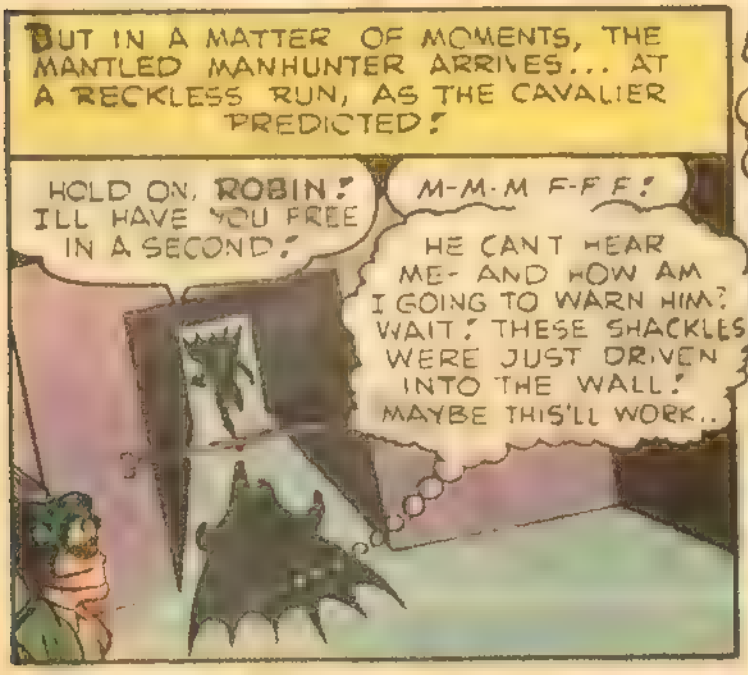

PRESENTLY, AT THE GANG'S HIDEOUT!
WHADDAYA SAY, BOSS, LET'S FEED HIM TO THE WHALE!
NO! I'VE GOT A MUCH BETTER IDEA!
BEING LOCKED IN THIS ROOM WILL GIVE ME THE CHANCE I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!
...AND THEY'VE GOT ME IN A BROWNSTONE ON SMITH ROAD!
I'LL BE RIGHT OVER!

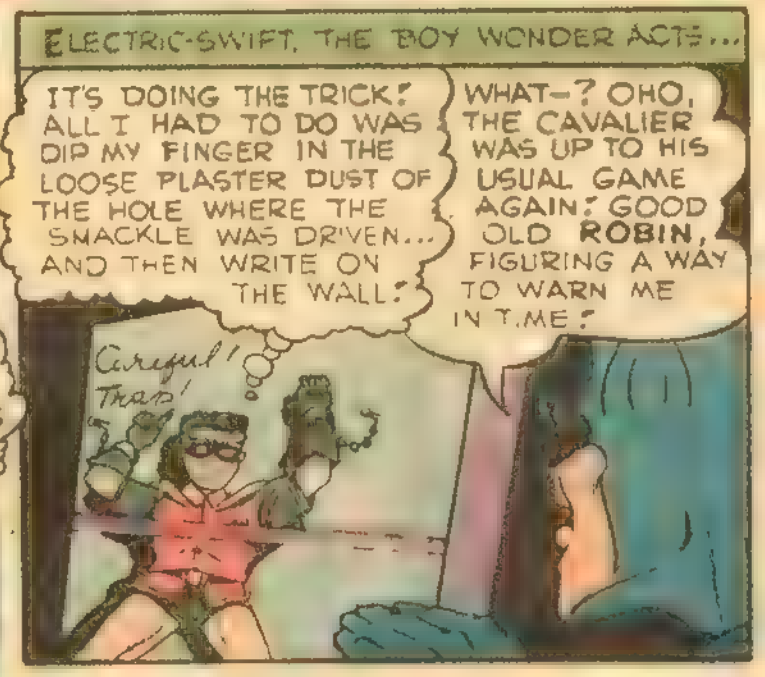

UNKNOWN TO THE BOY WONDER, HOWEVER HE HAS A MIGHTY INTERESTED AUDIENCE!
LOOKIT THAT! HE'S CALLING THE BATMAN ON THAT WIRELESS SET OF HIS! AIN'T YOU GONNA STOP HIM, CAVALIER?
NOT AT ALL! HE'S DOING PRECISELY WHAT I HAD HOPED HE WOULD DO! HAVE THE MEN DO AS I OUTLINED BEFORE!

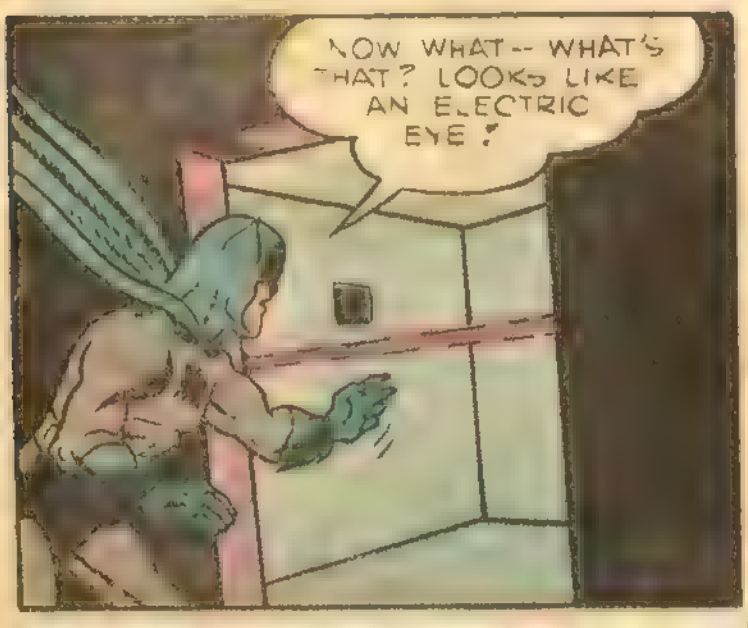

MINUTES LATER, ROBIN IS HAULED FROM HIS MAKESHIFT CELL...
PARBLEU! THIS WILL BE THE END OF A PAIR OF INFERNAL NUISANCES! BEHIND THIS WALL, MY DEAR ROBIN, TWO CROSSBOWS STRAIN! IF YOU PULL AT YOUR SHACKLES, ONE STEEL ARROW WILL BE RELEASED, KILLING YOU INSTANTLY!
BOY, AIN'T THIS GREAT?

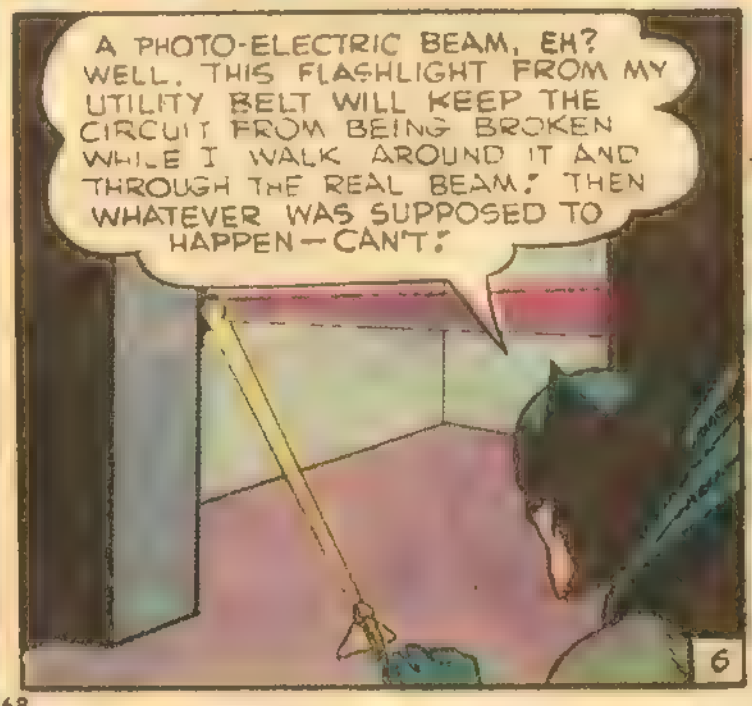

IF YOU STILL LIVE WHEN BATMAN RUNS RECKLESSLY THROUGH THIS PHOTO-ELECTRIC BEAM I'VE JUST SET, THE TWO OF YOU WILL DIE TOGETHER! FOR THEN, ONE ARROW WILL WING TOWARD YOU... AND THE OTHER TOWARD YOUR DOOMED COHORT! FAREWELL FOREVER!

HOLY SMOKE! HOW AM I GOING TO GET US OUT OF THIS? I'VE GOT TO THINK FAST!


BUT IN A MATTER OF MOMENTS, THE MANTLED MANHUNTER ARRIVES... AT A RECKLESS RUN, AS THE CAVALIER PREDICTED!
HOLD ON, ROBIN! I'LL HAVE YOU FREE IN A SECOND!
M-M-M F-F-F!
HE CAN'T HEAR ME- AND HOW AM I GOING TO WARN HIM? WAIT! THESE SHACKLES WERE JUST DRIVEN INTO THE WALL! MAYBE THIS'LL WORK..


ELECTRIC-SWIFT, THE BOY WONDER ACTS...
IT'S DOING THE TRICK! ALL I HAD TO DO WAS DIP MY FINGER IN THE LOOSE PLASTER DUST OF THE HOLE WHERE THE SHACKLE WAS DRIVEN... AND THEN WRITE ON THE WALL!
WHAT—? OHO, THE CAVALIER WAS UP TO HIS USUAL GAME AGAIN! GOOD OLD ROBIN, FIGURING A WAY TO WARN ME IN TIME!
Careful! Trap!


NOW WHAT -- WHAT'S THAT? LOOKS LIKE AN ELECTRIC EYE!


A PHOTO-ELECTRIC BEAM, EH? WELL, THIS FLASHLIGHT FROM MY UTILITY BELT WILL KEEP THE CIRCUIT FROM BEING BROKEN WHILE I WALK AROUND IT AND THROUGH THE REAL BEAM! THEN WHATEVER WAS SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN—CAN'T!
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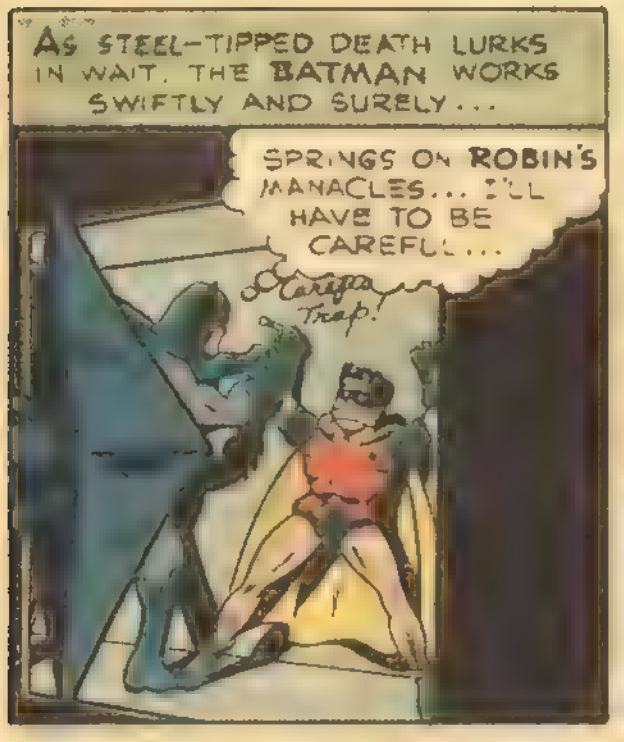
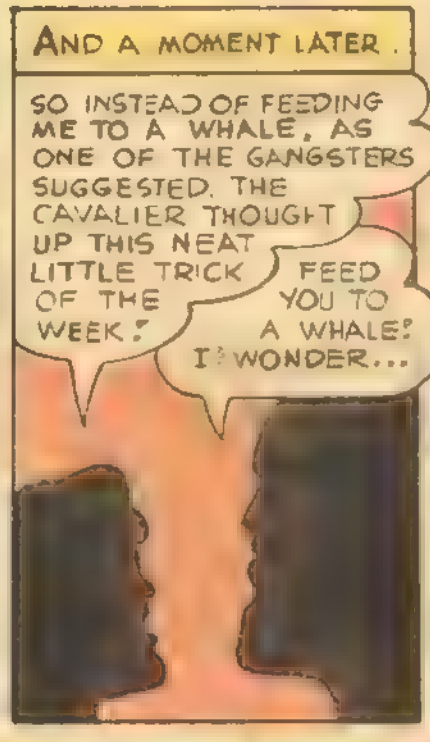
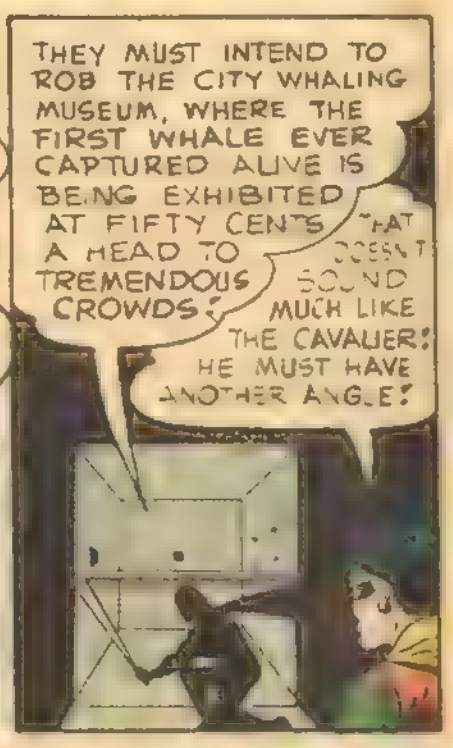
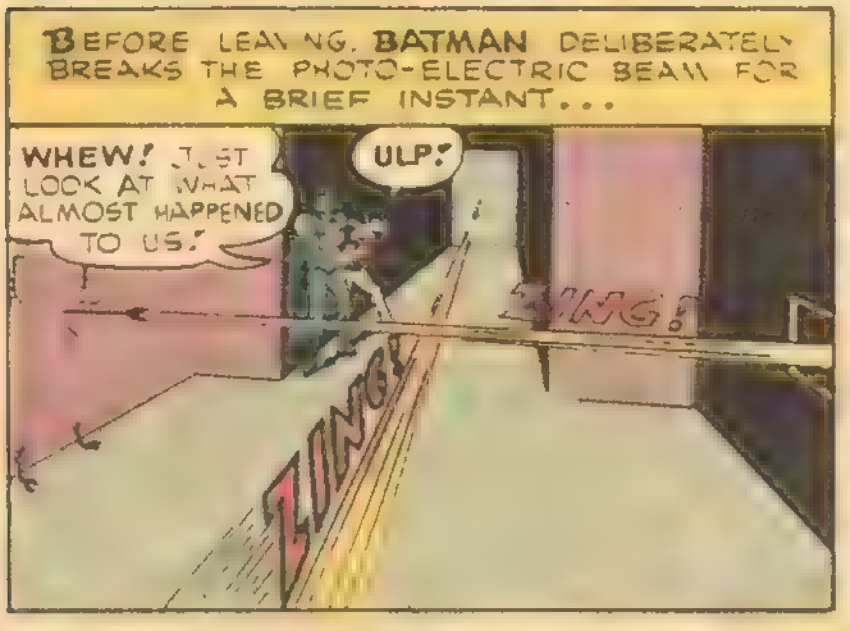
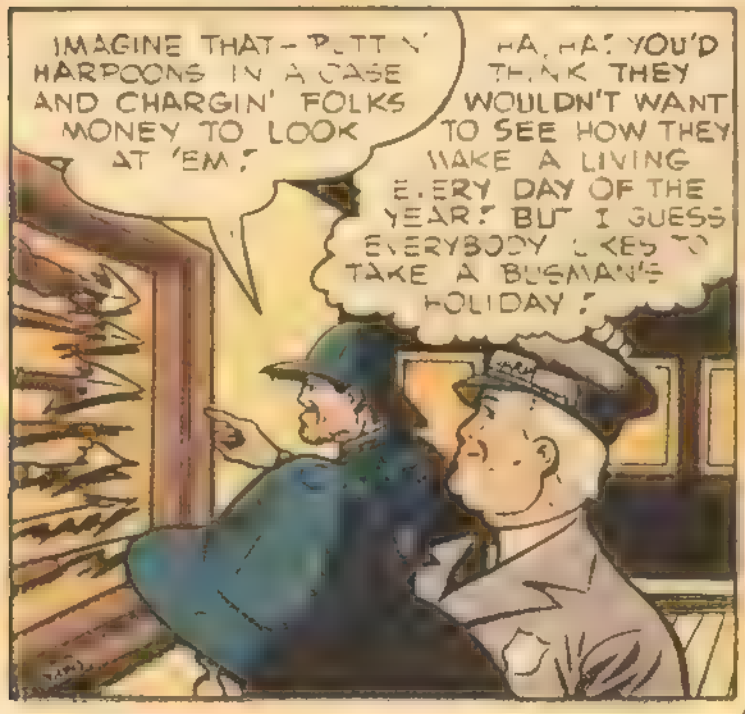
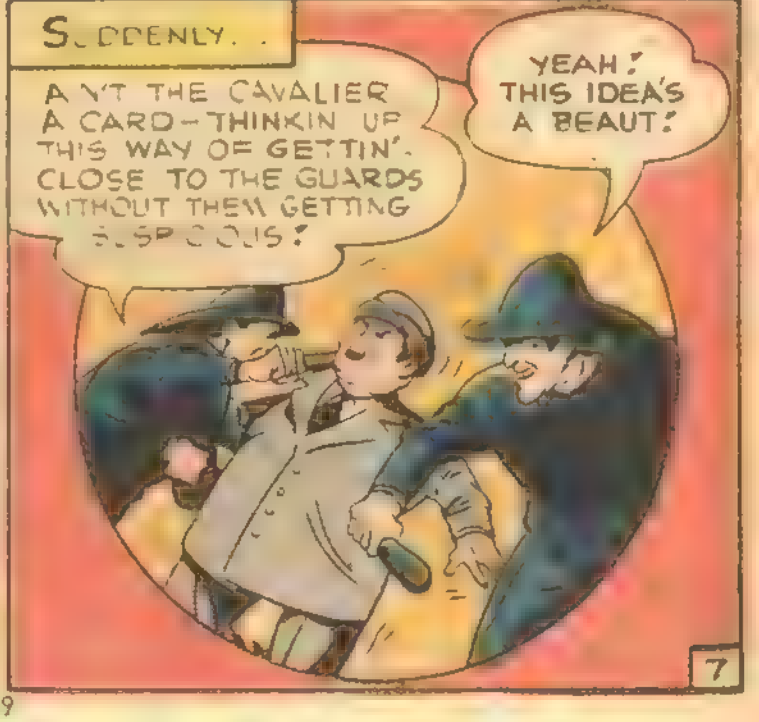

AS STEEL-TIPPED DEATH LURKS IN WAIT, THE BATMAN WORKS SWIFTLY AND SURELY...
SPRINGS ON ROBIN'S MANACLES... I'LL HAVE TO BE CAREFUL...
Manjpa Trap!


AND A MOMENT LATER...
SO INSTEAD OF FEEDING ME TO A WHALE, AS ONE OF THE GANGSTERS SUGGESTED, THE CAVALIER THOUGHT UP THIS NEAT LITTLE TRICK OF THE WEEK!
FEED YOU TO A WHALE! I WONDER...


THEY MUST INTEND TO ROB THE CITY WHALING MUSEUM, WHERE THE FIRST WHALE EVER CAPTURED ALIVE IS BEING EXHIBITED AT FIFTY CENTS A HEAD TO TREMENDOUS CROWDS!
THAT DOESN'T SOUND MUCH LIKE THE CAVALIER! HE MUST HAVE ANOTHER ANGLE!


BEFORE LEAVING, BATMAN DELIBERATELY BREAKS THE PHOTO-ELECTRIC BEAM FOR A BRIEF INSTANT...
WHEW! JUST LOOK AT WHAT ALMOST HAPPENED TO US!
ULP!
ZING!
ZING!


IMAGINE THAT - PUTTIN' HARPOONS IN A CASE AND CHARGIN' FOLKS MONEY TO LOOK AT 'EM!
HA, HA! YOU'D THINK THEY WOULDN'T WANT TO SEE HOW THEY MAKE A LIVING EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR! BUT I GUESS EVERYBODY LIKES TO TAKE A BUSMAN'S HOLIDAY!


SUDDENLY...
AIN'T THE CAVALIER A CARD - THINKIN' UP THIS WAY OF GETTIN' CLOSE TO THE GUARDS WITHOUT THEM GETTING SUSPICIOUS!
YEAH! THIS IDEA'S A BEAUT!
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AND THESE RAINCOATS—
SOU'WESTERS, THEY CALL 'EM! I'D NEVER OF THOUGHT OF A GAG LIKE THIS!
ZIP IT UP AND YOU GOT A REGULAR STRAIGHTJACKET! YOU GOTTA BE A GENIUS LIKE THE CAVALIER TO THINK UP THINGS LIKE THAT!
OKAY, FOLKS, JUST KEEP BACK AN' SAY NOTHIN'—AN' WE WON'T HURT YOU!
AS HIS HENCHMEN ALL OVER THE MUSEUM TAKE OVER, THE ROMANTIC ROGUE'S SHREWD BRAIN PLOTS SOMETHING STILL MORE STARTLING!
NAH, YOU CAN'T DO IT, CAVALIER! IT'S TOO BIG EVEN FOR YOU!
HOLD YOUR TONGUE, KNAVE! WHO ARE YOU TO SAY ME NAY? BRING IN THE VAN!
OUTSIDE, IN THE ALLEY, A PONDEROUS MOTOR THUNDERS, THEN DEAFENINGLY APPROACHES... AND SOON...
SHARP TO PORT! A BREATH MORE! NOW STRAIGHT BACK!... OBSERVE! WHAT MAN CAN DO, THE CAVALIER CAN UNDO!
GEE WHILLIKINS, HE DONE IT!
WE GOTTA HURRY, BOSS!
ZOUNDS! THERE CAN BE NO HASTE WHEN BEAUTY IS TO BE GARNERED! AND THIS HORN LANTERN WILL BE A WONDEROUS ADDITION TO THE COLLECTION I AM ABOUT TO START!
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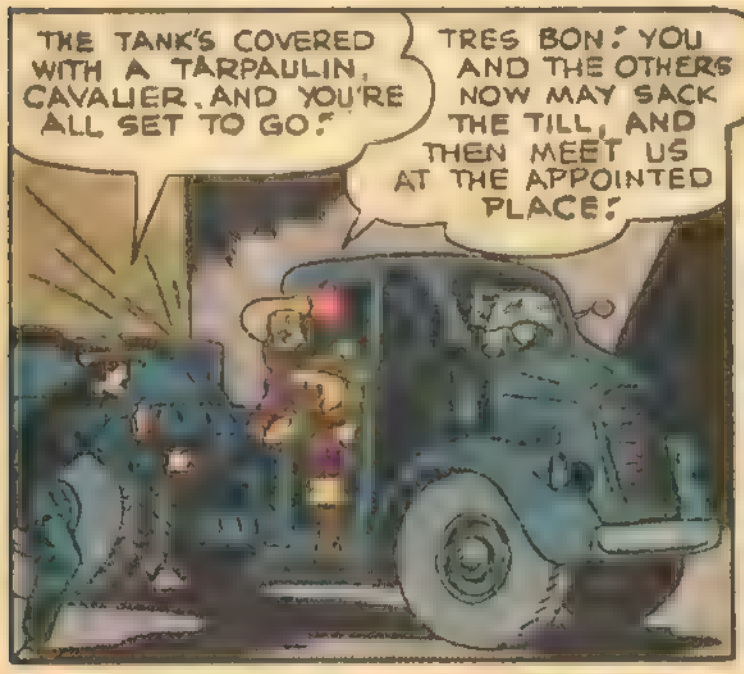
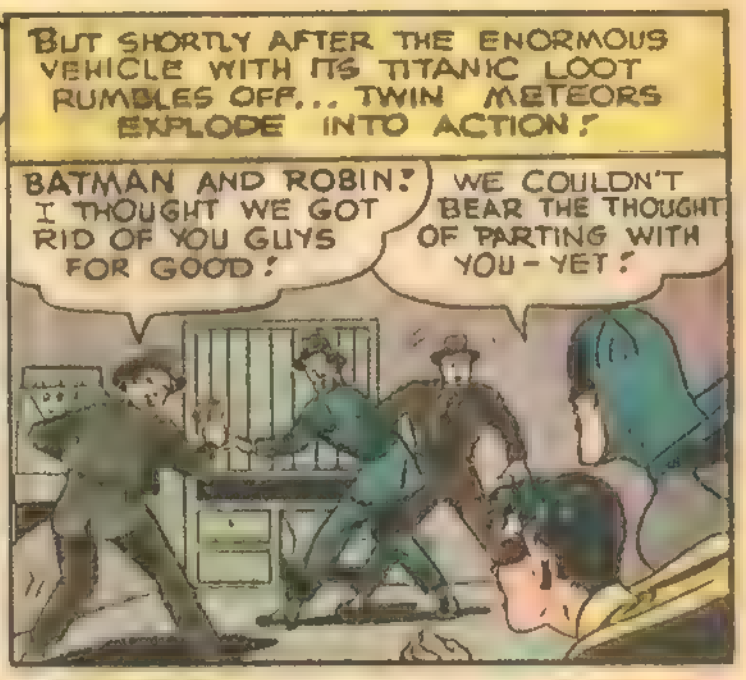
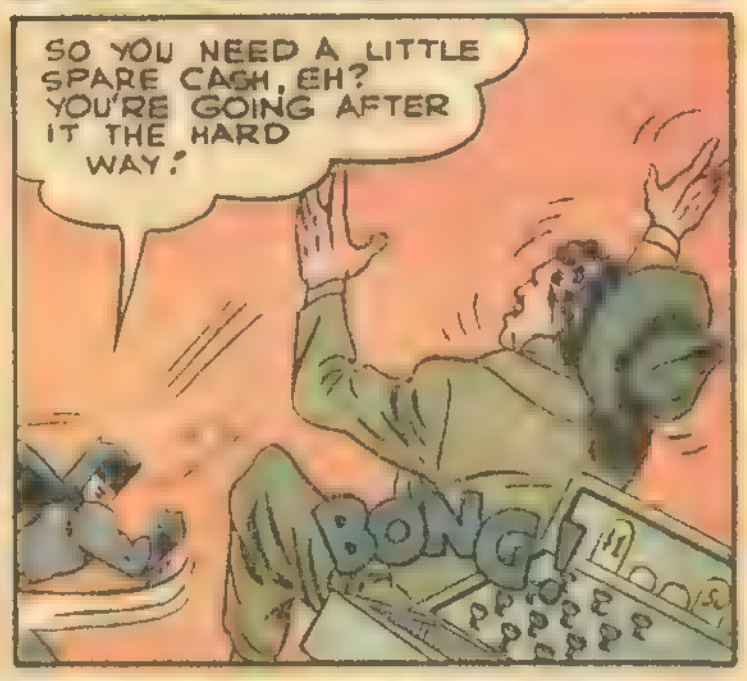
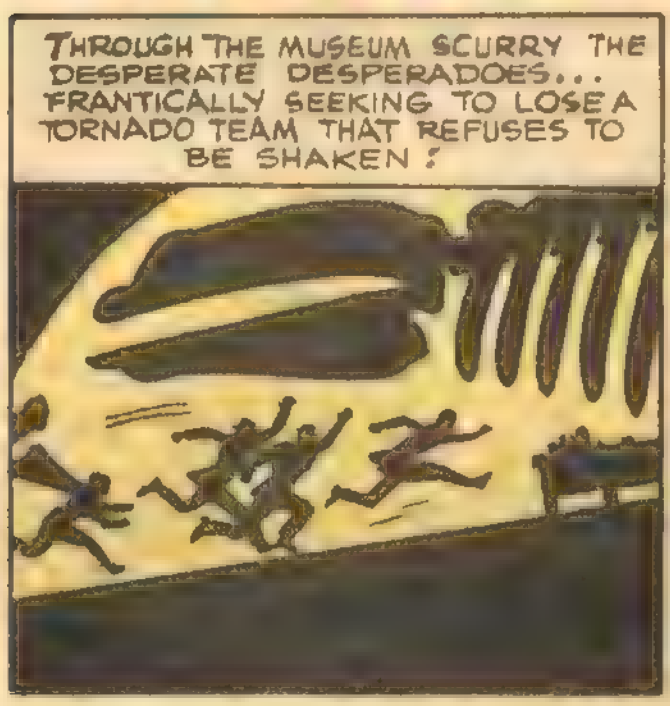
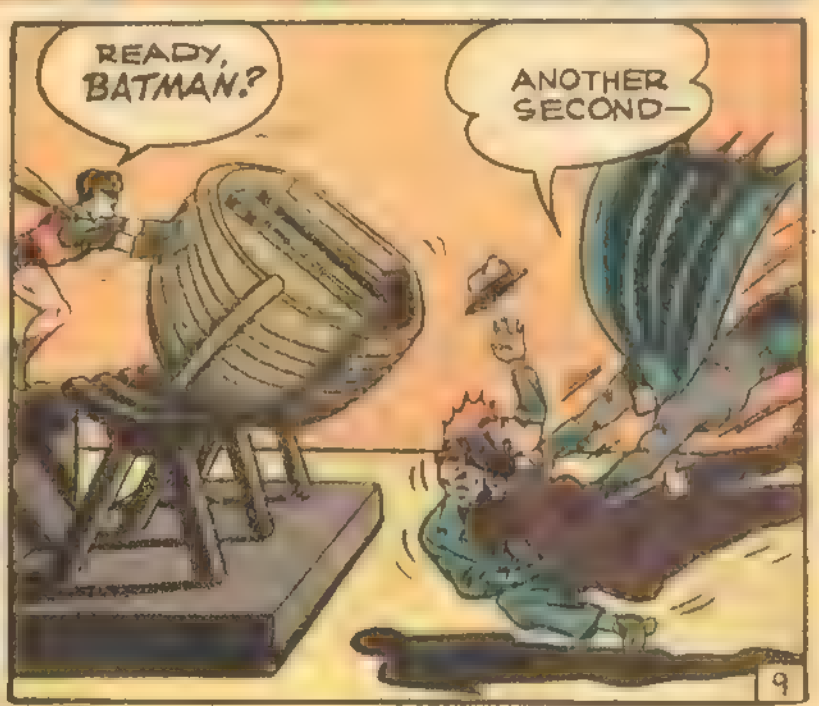
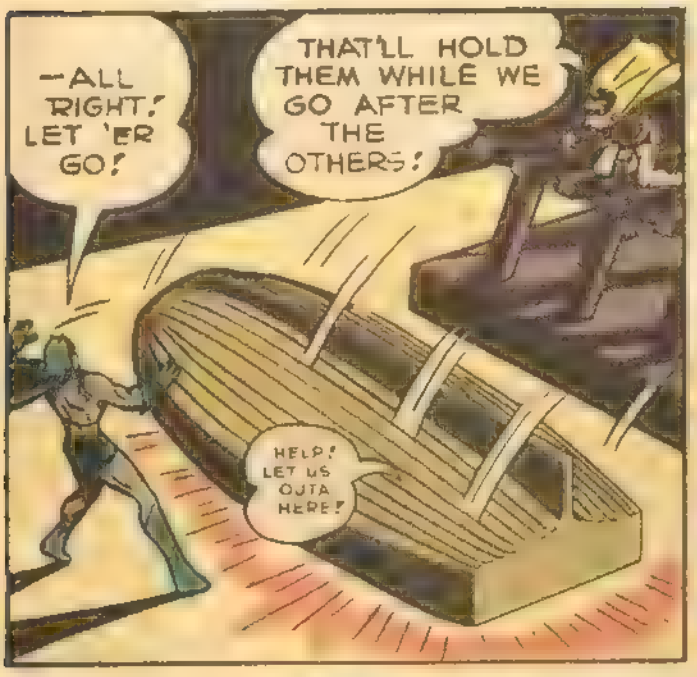

THE TANK'S COVERED WITH A TARPAULIN, CAVALIER. AND YOU'RE ALL SET TO GO!
TRES BON! YOU AND THE OTHERS NOW MAY SACK THE TILL, AND THEN MEET US AT THE APPOINTED PLACE!

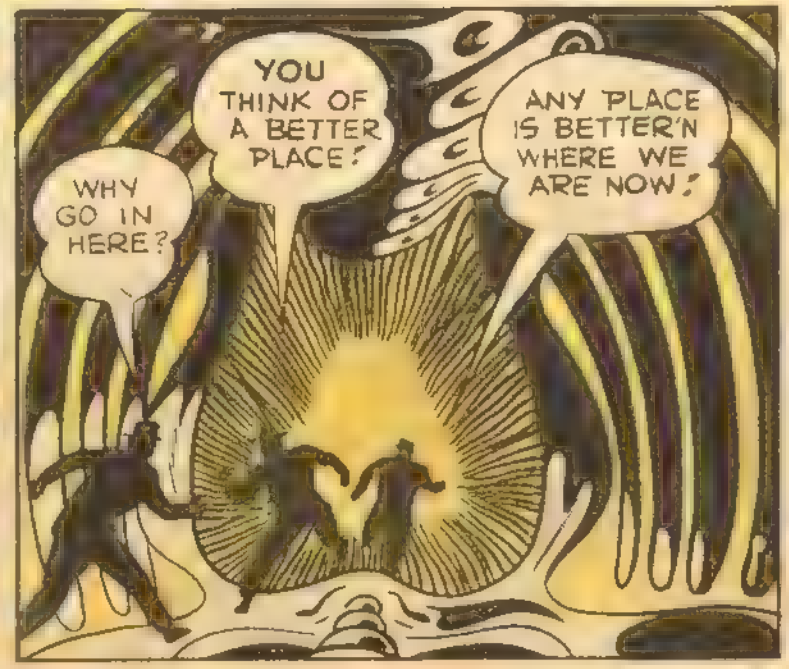

BUT SHORTLY AFTER THE ENORMOUS VEHICLE WITH ITS TITANIC LOOT RUMBLES OFF... TWIN METEORS EXPLODE INTO ACTION!
BATMAN AND ROBIN! I THOUGHT WE GOT RID OF YOU GUYS FOR GOOD!
WE COULDN'T BEAR THE THOUGHT OF PARTING WITH YOU - YET!

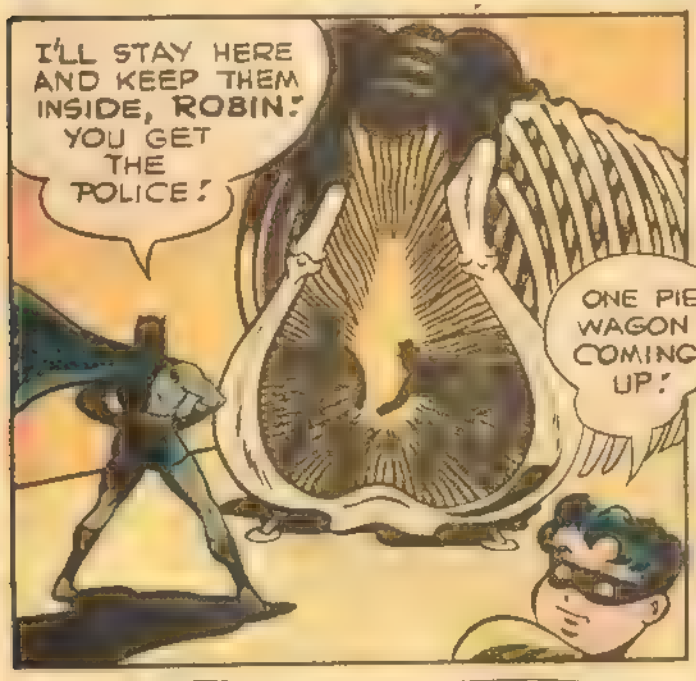


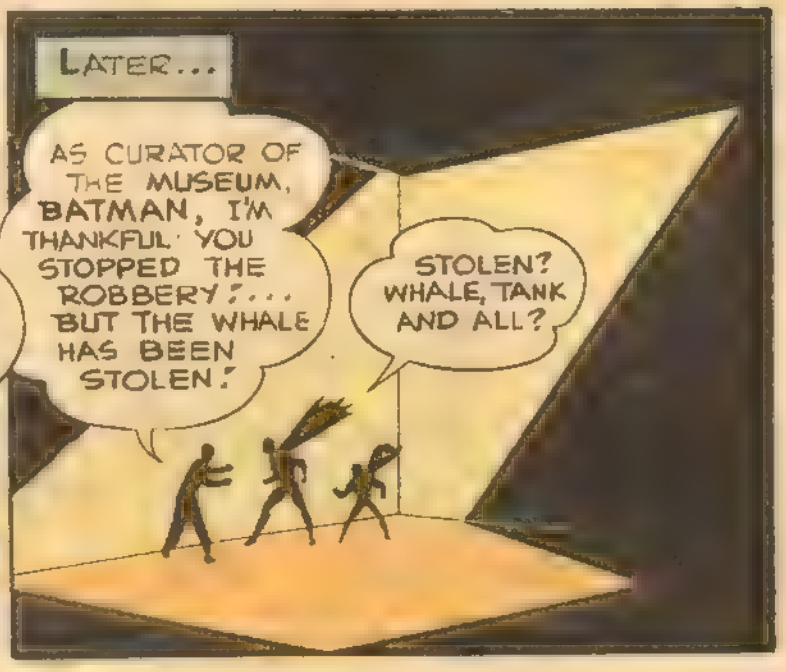

THROUGH THE MUSEUM SCURRY THE DESPERATE DESPERADOES... FRANTICALLY SEEKING TO LOSE A TORNADO TEAM THAT REFUSES TO BE SHAKEN!

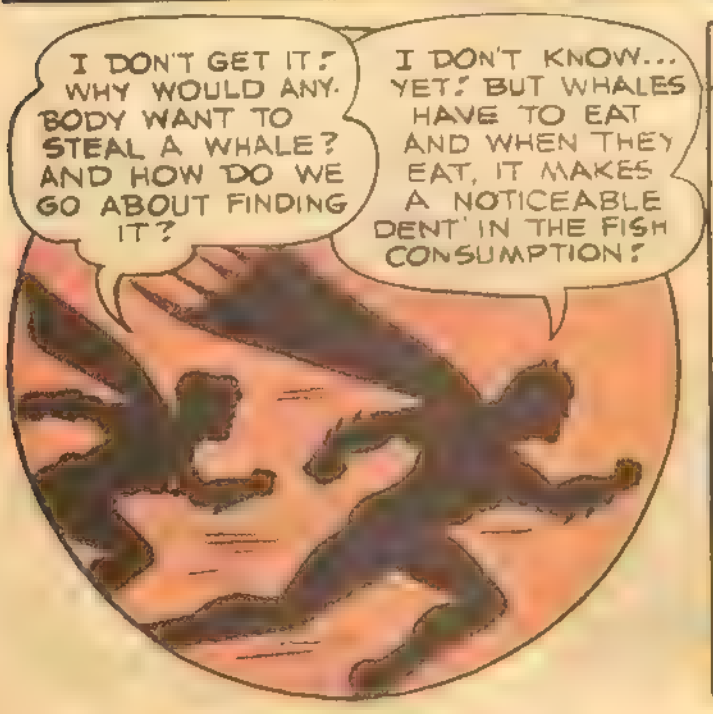


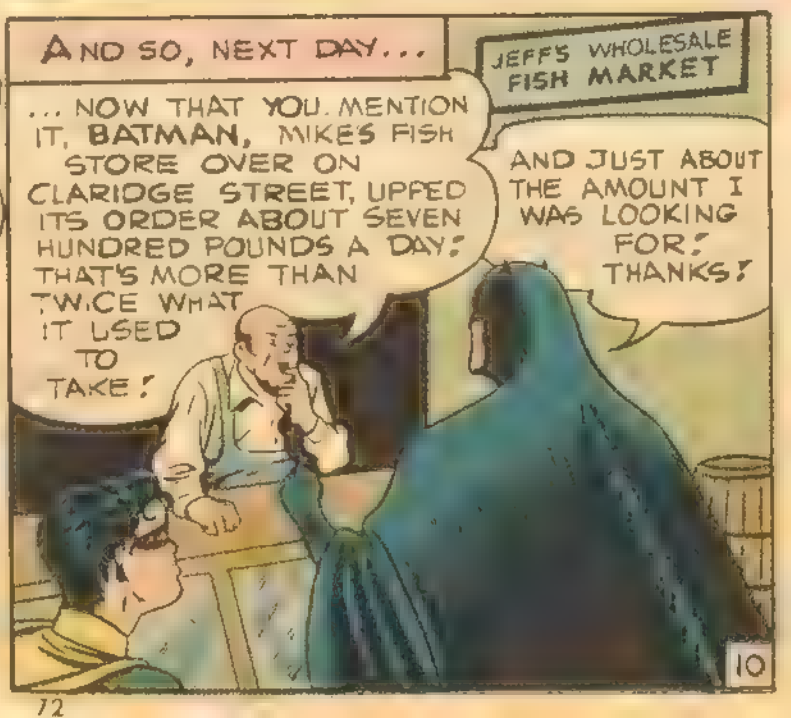

—ALL RIGHT! LET 'ER GO!
THAT'LL HOLD THEM WHILE WE GO AFTER THE OTHERS!
HELP! LET US OUTA HERE!


WHY GO IN HERE?
YOU THINK OF A BETTER PLACE!
ANY PLACE IS BETTER'N WHERE WE ARE NOW!


I'LL STAY HERE AND KEEP THEM INSIDE, ROBIN! YOU GET THE POLICE!
ONE PIE WAGON COMING UP!


LATER...
AS CURATOR OF THE MUSEUM, BATMAN, I'M THANKFUL YOU STOPPED THE ROBBERY!... BUT THE WHALE HAS BEEN STOLEN!
STOLEN? WHALE, TANK AND ALL?


I DON'T GET IT! WHY WOULD ANY-BODY WANT TO STEAL A WHALE? AND HOW DO WE GO ABOUT FINDING IT?
I DON'T KNOW... YET! BUT WHALES HAVE TO EAT AND WHEN THEY EAT, IT MAKES A NOTICEABLE DENT IN THE FISH CONSUMPTION!


AND SO, NEXT DAY...
JEFFS WHOLESALE FISH MARKET
... NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, BATMAN, MIKES FISH STORE OVER ON CLARIDGE STREET, UPPED ITS ORDER ABOUT SEVEN HUNDRED POUNDS A DAY! THAT'S MORE THAN TWICE WHAT IT USED TO TAKE!
AND JUST ABOUT THE AMOUNT I WAS LOOKING FOR! THANKS!
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TWENTY-TON ROBBERY

AT MIKE'S FISH STORE...
I-I DIDN'T THINK IT'D GET ME INTO TROUBLE WITH YOU, BATMAN! THIS FELLOW COMES IN A TRUCK, PICKS UP THE WHOLE LOAD AND PAYS ME CASH! HE OUGHT TO BE HERE AGAIN ANY MINUTE!
MIND IF WE WAIT IN YOUR BACK ROOM? AND DON'T SAY ANYTHING TO HIM ABOUT US!
PRESENTLY...
YOU SURE YOU'RE RIGHT? HE COULD BE A FREE-LANCE FISH PEDDLER!
BUYING HIS STOCK IN A RETAIL STORE? NOT MUCH CHANCE! ANYHOW, WE'LL KNOW SOON ENOUGH!
AS THE LOADED TRUCK LUMBERS AWAY...
HE'S HEADING FOR THAT ABANDONED WAREHOUSE UP AHEAD!
SO I SEE! GET READY FOR ACTION, ROBIN! WE'RE FIGHTING A DANGEROUS, CLEVER CUSTOMER!
SECONDS LATER...
YOU CALLED THE SHOT, BATMAN! WE'VE GOT THEM TRAPPED!
'S BLOOD!
WE-TRAPPED? A DEBATABLE POINT, STRIPLING! AS WITNESS THIS ONE!
YOW! THAT ELECTRICAL SWORD AGAIN!
MAYHAP MY HENCHMAN'S SUGGESTION WAS WISEST, AFTER ALL! I SHALL MEND MY ERROR AND FEED YOU TO THE WHALE!
TROUBLE! THIS IS GOING TO TAKE SOME FAST ACTION!
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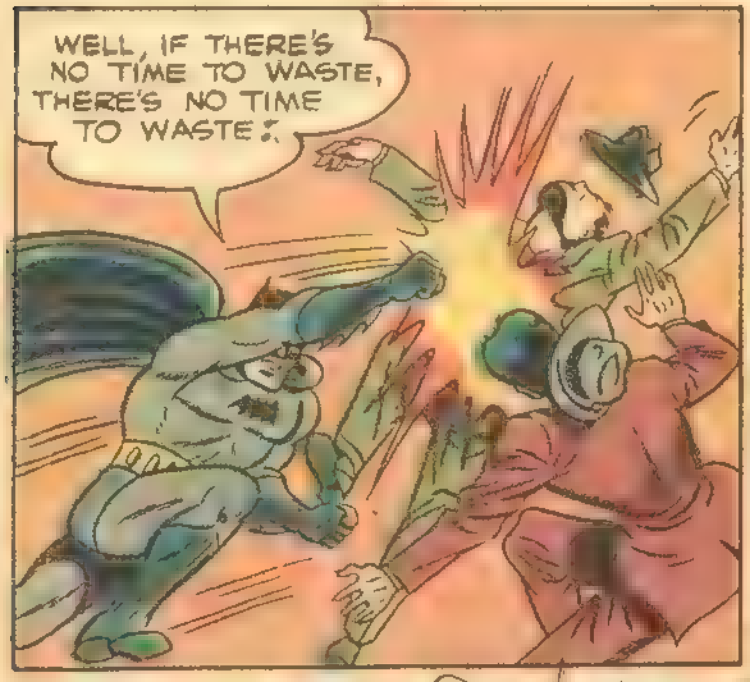
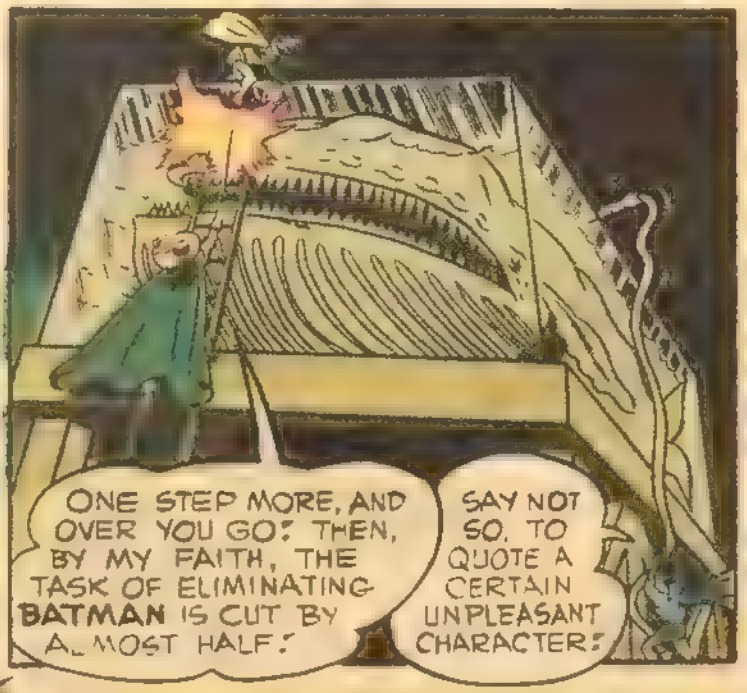
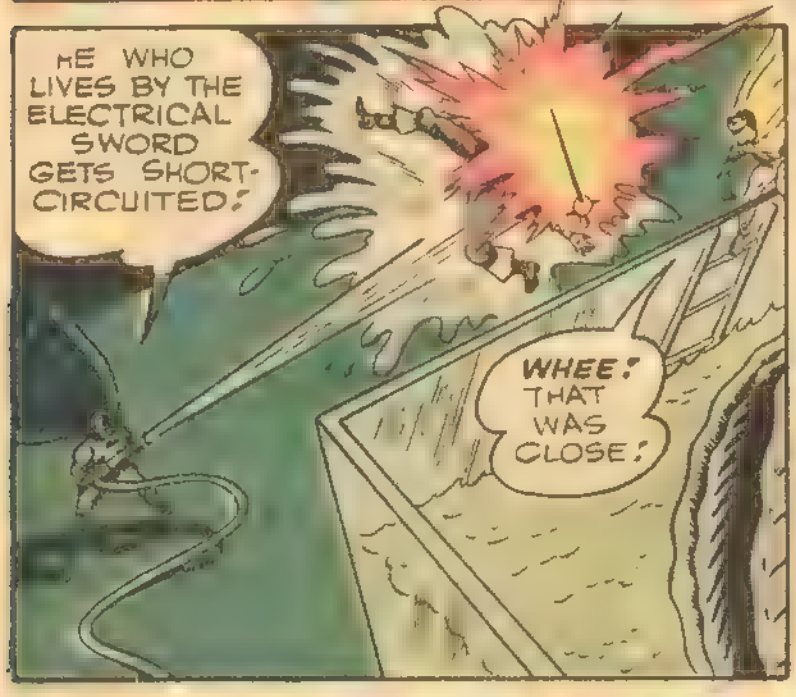
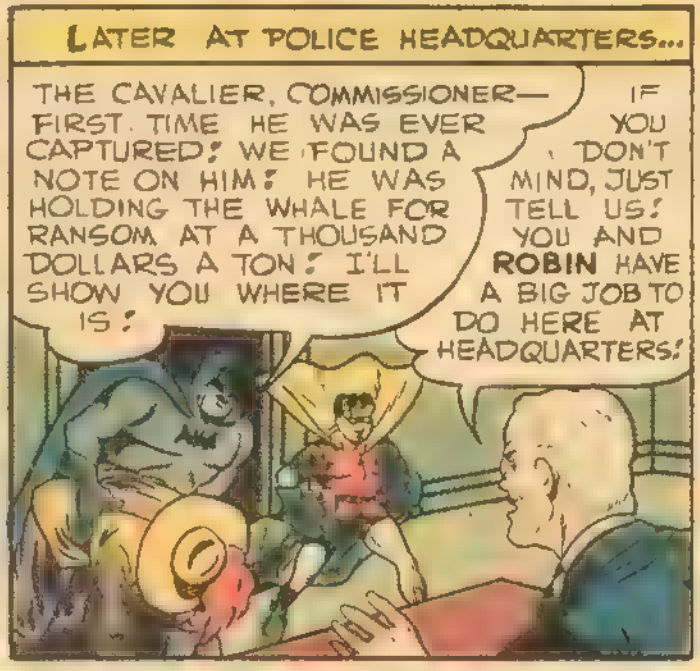
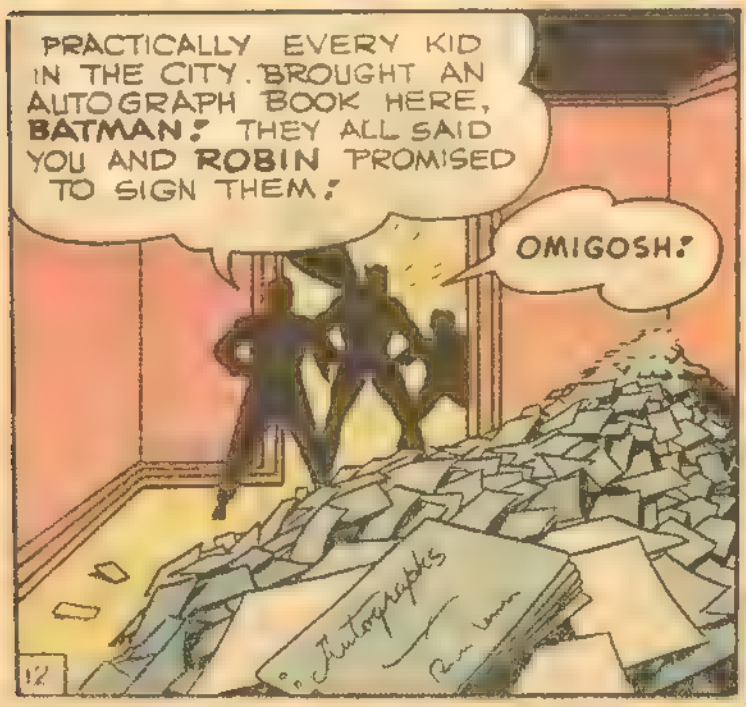

WELL, IF THERE'S NO TIME TO WASTE, THERE'S NO TIME TO WASTE!


ONE STEP MORE, AND OVER YOU GO! THEN, BY MY FAITH, THE TASK OF ELIMINATING BATMAN IS CUT BY ALMOST HALF!
SAY NOT SO, TO QUOTE A CERTAIN UNPLEASANT CHARACTER!


HE WHO LIVES BY THE ELECTRICAL SWORD GETS SHORT-CIRCUITED!
WHEE! THAT WAS CLOSE!


LATER AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...
THE CAVALIER, COMMISSIONER— FIRST TIME HE WAS EVER CAPTURED! WE FOUND A NOTE ON HIM! HE WAS HOLDING THE WHALE FOR RANSOM AT A THOUSAND DOLLARS A TON! I'LL SHOW YOU WHERE IT IS!
IF YOU DON'T MIND, JUST TELL US! YOU AND ROBIN HAVE A BIG JOB TO DO HERE AT HEADQUARTERS!


PRACTICALLY EVERY KID IN THE CITY BROUGHT AN AUTOGRAPH BOOK HERE, BATMAN! THEY ALL SAID YOU AND ROBIN PROMISED TO SIGN THEM!
OMIGOSH!
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IF IT ISN'T ONE THING, IT'S ANOTHER!
WELL, HOW WAS I TO KNOW THEY'D TELL ALL THEIR FRIENDS!
The End

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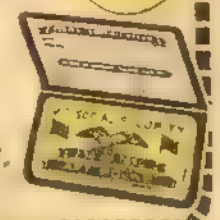

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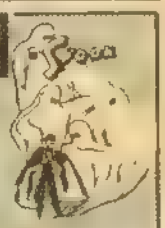

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...YET IT ALL HAPPENED ON ONE LOT IN THE SAME CITY! WITHOUT LEAVING TOWN, WE BATTLED CRIME IN A HUNDRED CITIES... ALL AT ONCE!
BATMAN
ROBIN
CAN YOU IMAGINE A WORLD WHERE BATMAN AND ROBIN NEED TAKE BUT ONE STEP TO GET FROM CAIRO TO CALCUTTA -- WHERE ANOTHER STEP CAN TAKE THEM TO A MAYAN TEMPLE, AND ANOTHER STEP TO THE EIFFEL TOWER? YOU DON'T BELIEVE IT'S POSSIBLE? THEN SEE FOR YOURSELF AS THEY SEEMINGLY SPAN WHOLE CITIES WITH SEVEN-LEAGUE BOOTS WHEN THEY MEET...
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IT IS NOT UNCOMMON FOR A MAN TO GAZE WITH AWE AT THE SPHINX...
BUT IT IS UNCOMMON WHEN THIS SAME MAN NEED ONLY TURN HIS HEAD TO LOOK AT THE FAMILIAR LANDMARK OF FARAWAY PARIS!
THE EIFFEL TOWER SEEMS TO REACH UP AND TOUCH THE SKY!
HOW IS IT POSSIBLE FOR THIS MAN TO TAKE ONLY ONE STEP AND SUDDENLY BE TRANSPORTED TO ANOTHER COUNTRY?

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THE "EIFFEL TOWER" AND THE "SPHINX" ARE ONLY REPLICAS LIKE OTHER MOVIE SETS STORED IN A SPRAWLING FIELD NOT FAR FROM THIS HOLLYWOOD STUDIO...
THE WORLD OUTSIDE IS HARD-- BUT HERE, IN MY WORLD, IT IS PEACEFUL, QUIET! NO ONE COMES HERE TO BOTHER ME!
SUDDENLY, TWO COSTUMED FIGURES ENTER...
BATMAN AND ROBIN! WHAT DO YOU WANT HERE IN MY DOMAIN?
HUH? WHY, WE GOT A TIP THAT SOME ESCAPED CONVICTS MIGHT BE HIDING HERE!
SHAG DARNELL, THE GANGSTER, AND THREE OTHER CONVICTS BROKE JAIL THIS MORNING! IT WAS IN ALL THE NEWS-PAPERS--
I DON'T READ THE NEWSPAPERS. I DON'T CARE ABOUT THE OUT-SIDE WORLD! THAT'S THE WAY I LIKE IT!
GET OFF THE EIFFEL TOWER! YOU'VE NO RIGHT THERE!
IF THOSE CONVICTS ARE HIDING AROUND HERE, ROBIN MAY BE ABLE TO SPOT THEM FROM THE TOP OF THE TOWER!
(WHISPER: BATMAN, I SAW SOMETHING MOVING NEAR THE TAJ MAHAL!
WATCHMAN, I WANT YOU TO PHONE THE POLICE! TELL THEM TO GET HERE QUICKLY AND TO SURROUND THE ENTIRE AREA!

SOON AFTER...
GOSH, BATMAN, THIS IS A LOT DIFFERENT THAN GOING OVER THE ROOF-TOPS OF GOTHAM CITY!
MEANWHILE, UNDER THE DOME OF THE IMITATION TAJ MAHAL...
YOU SURE KNOW YOUR STUFF, SHAG! NO COP WOULD LOOK FOR US IN A MOVIE STORAGE LOT!
EVERYTHING'S GOING ACCORDING TO PLAN! ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS STAY HIDDEN TILL MIDNIGHT!
THEN ONE OF MY GANG WILL LAND A PLANE AT THE EDGE OF THE FIELD-- AND THAT PLANE WILL FLY US RIGHT OVER THE BORDER WHERE NO ONE WILL EVER FIND US! REAL NEAT, EH?
AT THAT INSTANT, THE TWO CAPED CRIMEFIGHTERS PREPARE A SURPRISE...
THEY HAVEN'T SEEN US YET, ROBIN! WE'LL CATCH THEM OFF-GUARD!
BUT, ABRUPTLY, AS THEIR WEIGHT CAUSES A LOOSE NAIL TO FALL FROM A PLANK...
CLINK
THAT SOUND ATTRACTED THEIR ATTENTION!
BATMAN AND ROBIN! SPLIT UP AND RUN! WE CAN'T TACKLE THEM WITHOUT GUNS!

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AND, THE CONVICTS SCATTER AMONG THE PROPS...
THIS PLACE IS LIKE A MAZE! BUT THEY CAN'T ESCAPE! THE POLICE WILL BE THROWING A CORDON AROUND IT ANY MOMENT!
BUT, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN RETURN TO THE WATCHMAN...
GREAT SCOTT! HE NEVER MADE THE PHONE CALL! LOOK!
HE'S RIPPED THE PHONE SO WE CAN'T USE IT!
A BATTLE BETWEEN CONVICTS AND POLICE WOULD DAMAGE MY BUILDINGS... MY CITIES! THIS IS MY WORLD! I WON'T HAVE YOU WRECKING ANY PART OF IT!
THAT POSE-- IT'S FAMILIAR--
NOW I REMEMBER YOU! ROGER STANTON, THE MOVIE STAR! YOU WERE A GREAT ACTOR ONCE!
YES, ONCE I WAS THE IDOL OF THE WORLD! THE PEOPLE OF EVERY CITY APPLAUDED ME... UNTIL I STARTED SLIPPING!
BUT THE PUBLIC GREW TIRED OF ME! THEY STOPPED APPLAUDING! IT WAS AS IF THE WORLD TURNED ITS BACK ON ME!
SO I TURNED MY BACK ON IT AND MADE THIS MY WORLD! HERE I'M MASTER OF PARIS, CAIRO, VENICE, BARCELONA-- I'M THE KING OF A HUNDRED CITIES!
... CITIES MADE OF PLASTER AND PAINTED CANVAS! A FAKE WORLD!
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AND YOU'RE A FAKE, A COWARD! OTHER PEOPLE HAVE HAD BAD TIMES, BUT THEY DIDN'T GIVE UP! BUT YOU-- YOU CAME HERE TO HIDE IN THIS DREAM WORLD BECAUSE YOU'RE AFRAID OF REALITY!
I--I--
MAYBE THAT WILL BRING HIM TO HIS SENSES!
I HOPE SO! MEANWHILE, WE'VE GOT TO PLAN SOME WAY WE CAN ROUND UP SHAG DARNELL'S MOB!
SOON AFTER...
THERE'S BATMAN-- ALONE! ROBIN MUST BE LOOKING AROUND SOMEWHERE ELSE! NOW'S OUR CHANCE!
LOOK AT HIM! THE MIGHTY BATMAN, BACKING AWAY FROM US!
WE GOT HIM UP AGAINST THE WALL!
AND HIS PLUMMETING FIGURE STARTS THE WIND-MILL BLADES CHURNING!
BATMAN'S PLAN WORKED! HE USED HIMSELF AS BAIT TO DRAW OUT THE CONVICTS!
AT THAT INSTANT, ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER, LEAPS FROM A WINDMILL WINDOW...
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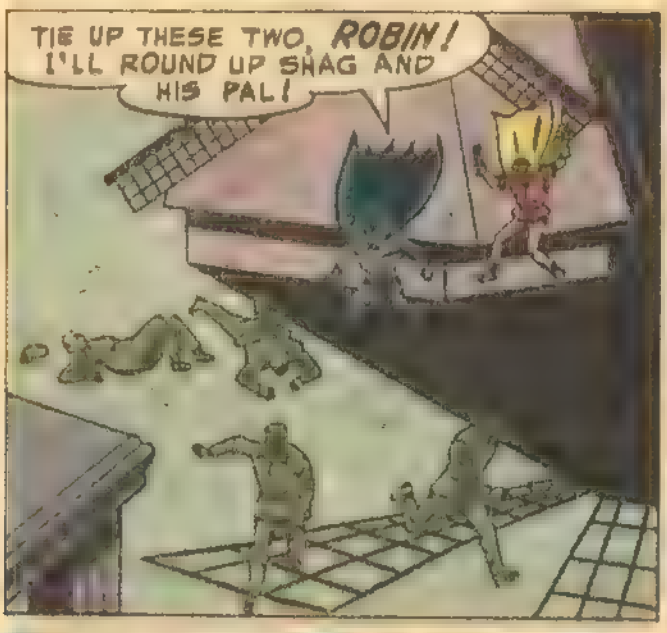
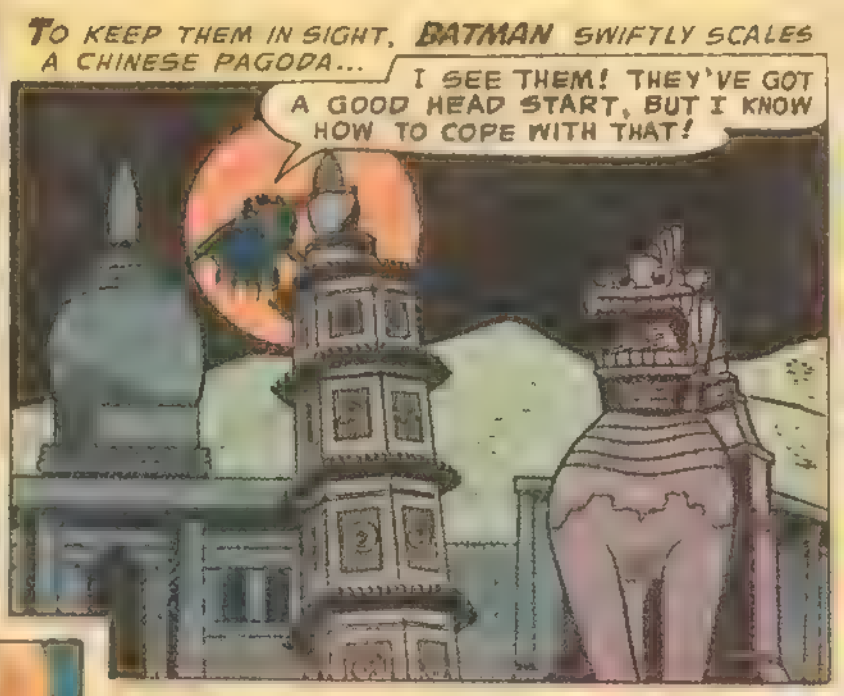
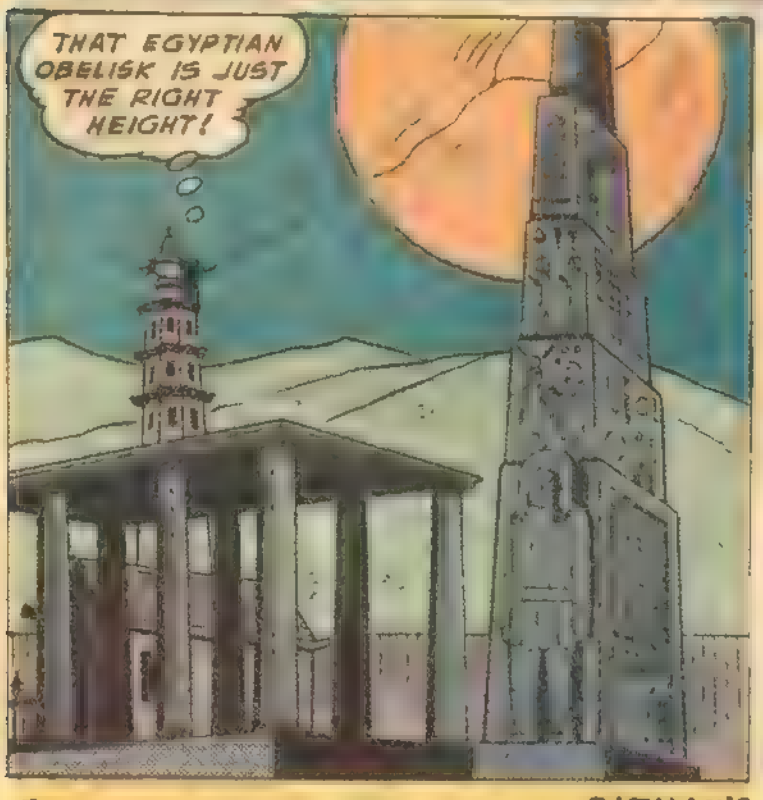
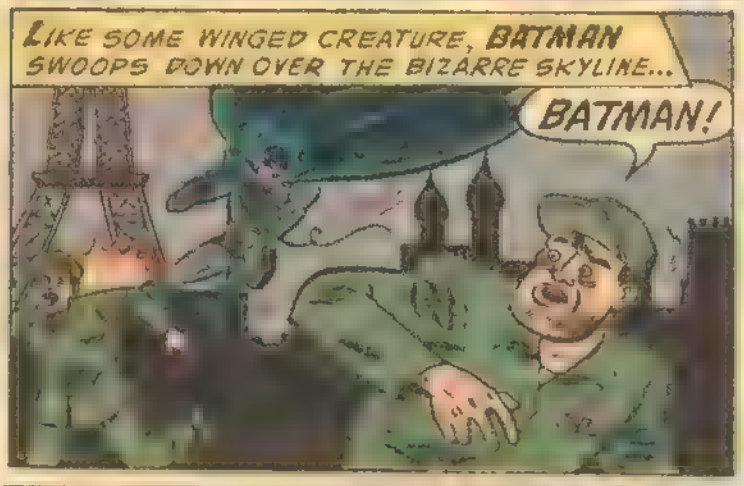



TO KEEP THEM IN SIGHT, BATMAN SWIFTLY SCALES A CHINESE PAGODA...
I SEE THEM! THEY'VE GOT A GOOD HEAD START, BUT I KNOW HOW TO COPE WITH THAT!





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THEY'RE SO BUSY TALKIN', THEY WON'T NOTICE ME!
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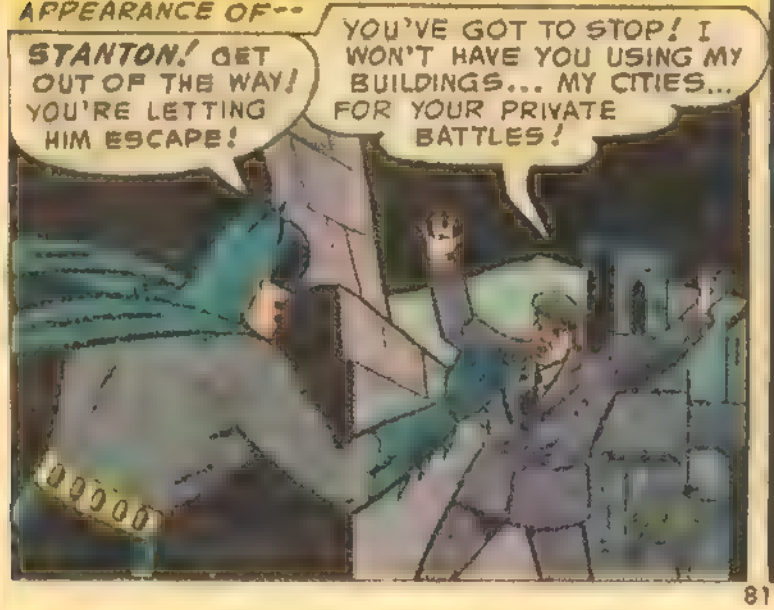
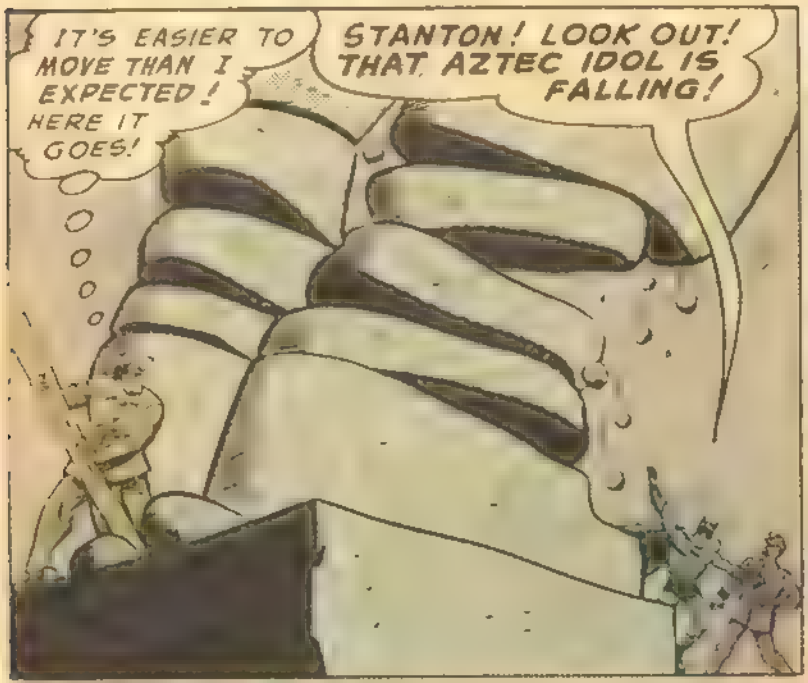
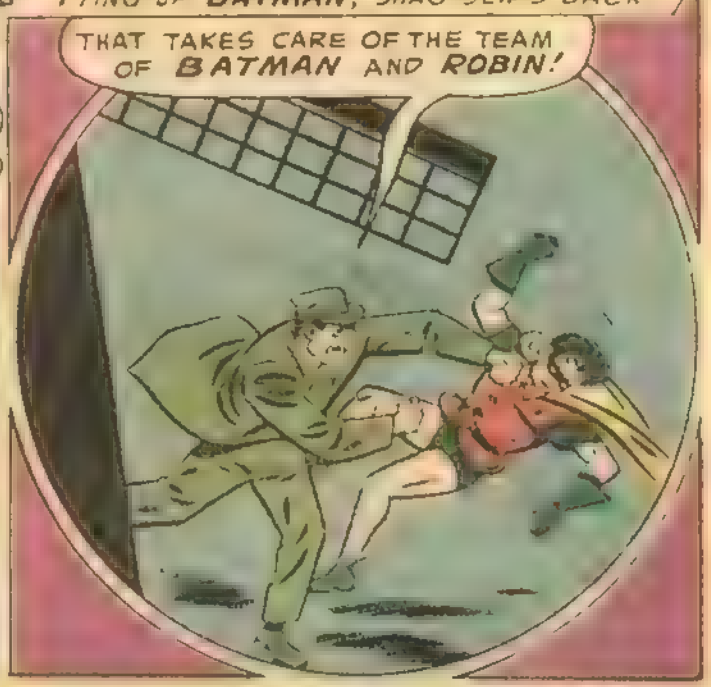
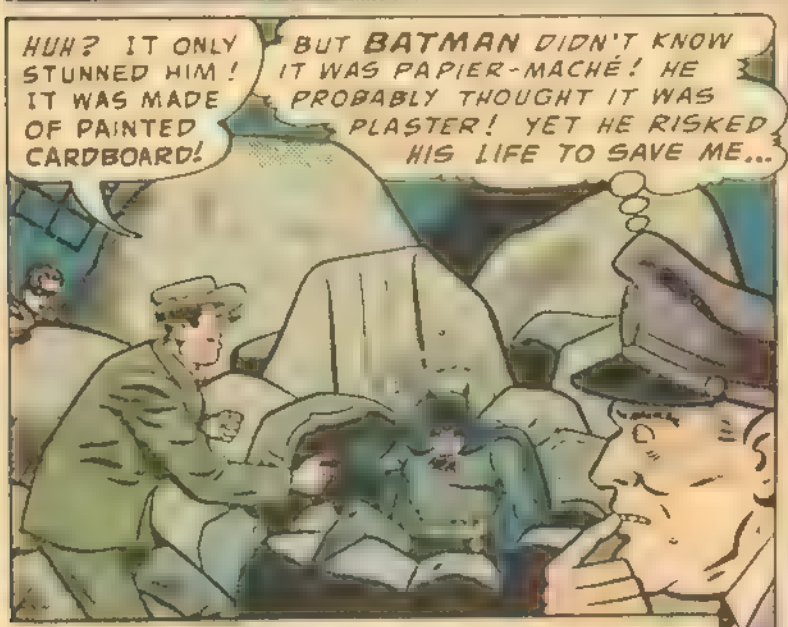

ONLY SHAG REMAINS FREE NOW, BUT BATMAN'S PURSUIT IS SUDDENLY BLOCKED BY THE APPEARANCE OF--
STANTON! GET OUT OF THE WAY! YOU'RE LETTING HIM ESCAPE!
YOU'VE GOT TO STOP! I WON'T HAVE YOU USING MY BUILDINGS... MY CITIES... FOR YOUR PRIVATE BATTLES!

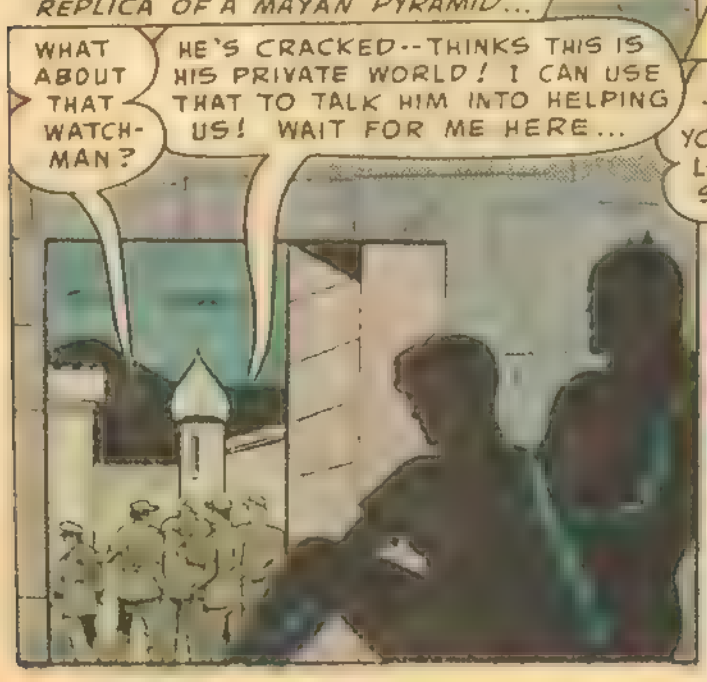


TYING UP **BATMAN**, SHAG SLIPS BACK

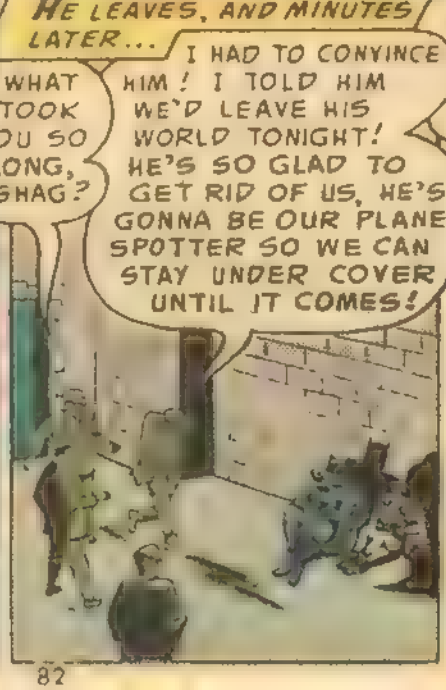



HUH? IT ONLY STUNNED HIM! IT WAS MADE OF PAINTED CARDBOARD!
BUT BATMAN DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS PAPIER-MACHÉ! HE PROBABLY THOUGHT IT WAS PLASTER! YET HE RISKED HIS LIFE TO SAVE ME...

FREEING HIS CRONIES, SHAG HAS THE BOUND **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** TAKEN INTO A REPLICA OF A MAYAN PYRAMID...


WHAT ABOUT THAT WATCH-MAN?
HE'S CRACKED--THINKS THIS IS HIS PRIVATE WORLD! I CAN USE THAT TO TALK HIM INTO HELPING US! WAIT FOR ME HERE...

HE LEAVES, AND MINUTES LATER...


WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG, SHAG?
I HAD TO CONVINCE HIM! I TOLD HIM WE'D LEAVE HIS WORLD TONIGHT! HE'S SO GLAD TO GET RID OF US, HE'S GONNA BE OUR PLANE SPOTTER SO WE CAN STAY UNDER COVER UNTIL IT COMES!

BUT AS ONE HAND IS POISED OVER BATMAN'S COWL -- THE OTHER HAND, HIDDEN FROM THE CONVICTS, SUDDENLY SLASHES BATMAN'S BONDS!
AND THEN, BATMAN ERUPTS INTO ACTION!
SHAG HAS GONE CRAZY! HE'S FREED BATMAN! I'M LAMMIN'!
A MOVIE PROP JAIL WILL HOLD SHAG'S MOB UNTIL THEY'RE TAKEN TO THE REAL THING!
LATER, A MYSTERY IS EXPLAINED...
STANTON -- IT WAS YOU!
YES! I TOOK SHAG BY SURPRISE WHEN HE LEFT YOU TWO IN THE MAYAN PYRAMID! AFTER KNOCKING HIM OUT, I PUT ON MAKEUP I KEEP IN MY ROOM.. I HAD TO PLAY THE PART OF SHAG TO FREE BATMAN!
WHAT ACTING! YOU NOT ONLY FOOLED BATMAN AND ME, BUT EVEN SHAG'S CRONIES!
THE STUDIO WILL OFFER YOU A CONTRACT AFTER THIS! YOU'LL BE ABLE TO BEGIN YOUR CAREER AGAIN!
AND SO, AFTER POLICE ARRIVE, ROGER STANTON LEAVES A MAKE-BELIEVE WORLD AND WALKS PROUDLY INTO THE OUTSIDE WORLD OF REALITY, READY TO MEET ITS CHALLENGE...
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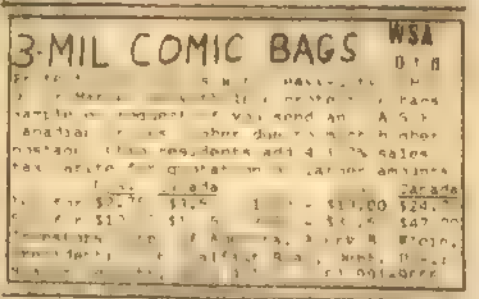

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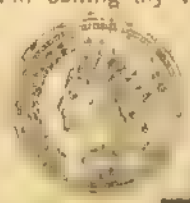

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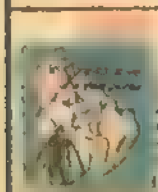

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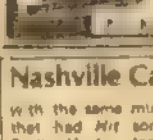

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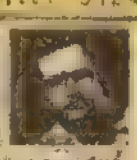

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...AND LED US TO A MASTER CRIMINAL WHO WAS SAID TO HAVE A THOUSAND EYES! HE PUT ME IN ONE OF THE TOUGHEST SPOTS OF MY CAREER...
BAT-MAN
With ROBIN THE BOY WONDER
SOMEWHERE IN GOTHAM CITY, U.S.A.. IS A SCHOOL FOR SPIES. BUT ITS PUPILS ARE NOT FOREIGN AGENTS TAUGHT TO STEAL SECRET DOCUMENTS... BUT CRIMINAL GANGS TAUGHT TO STEAL SECRET LOOT! CODES, SABOTAGE— NO TRICK OF ESPIONAGE IS OVERLOOKED BY THESE CRIMINAL SPIES, UNTIL BATMAN AND ROBIN TURN COUNTERSPIES AND CRACK DOWN ON...
"THE MAN with a THOUSAND EYES!"
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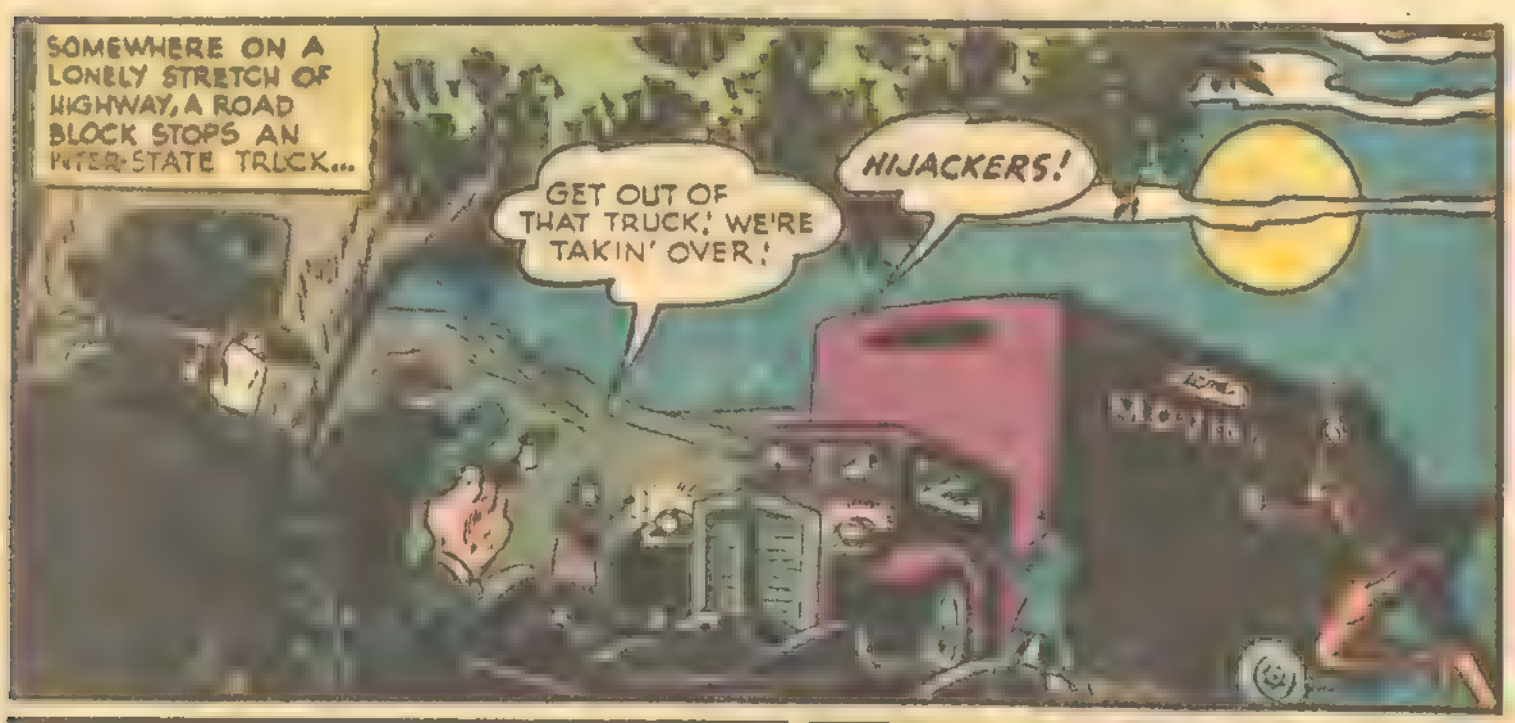
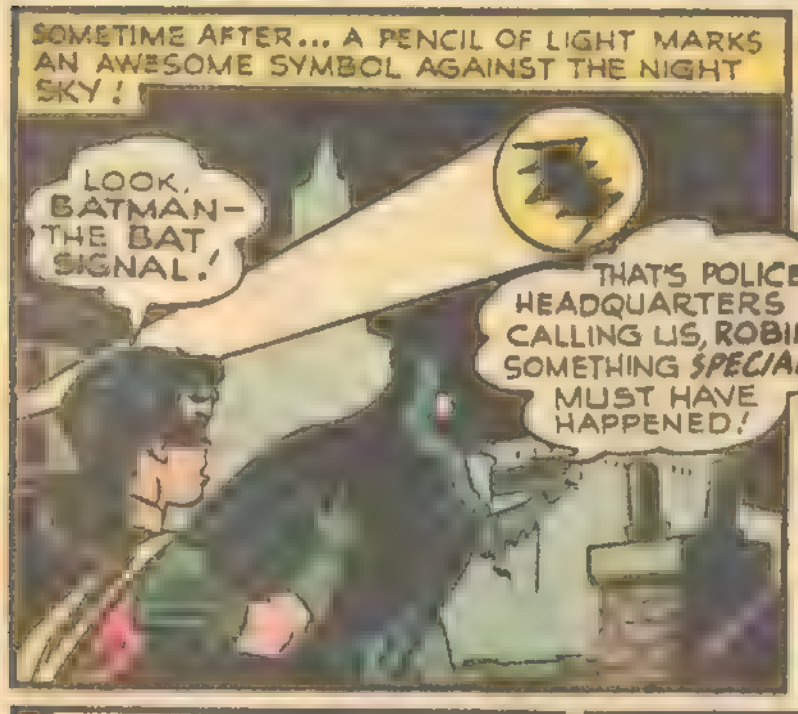
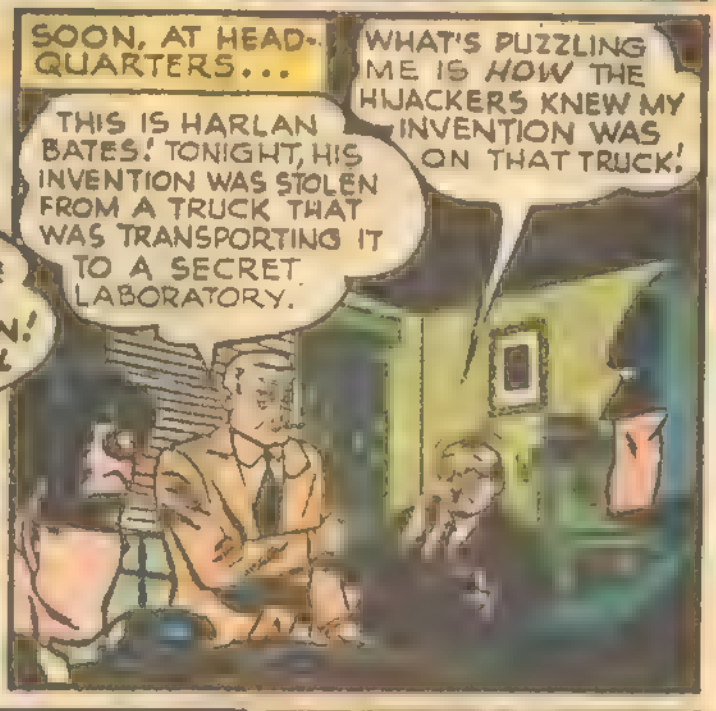
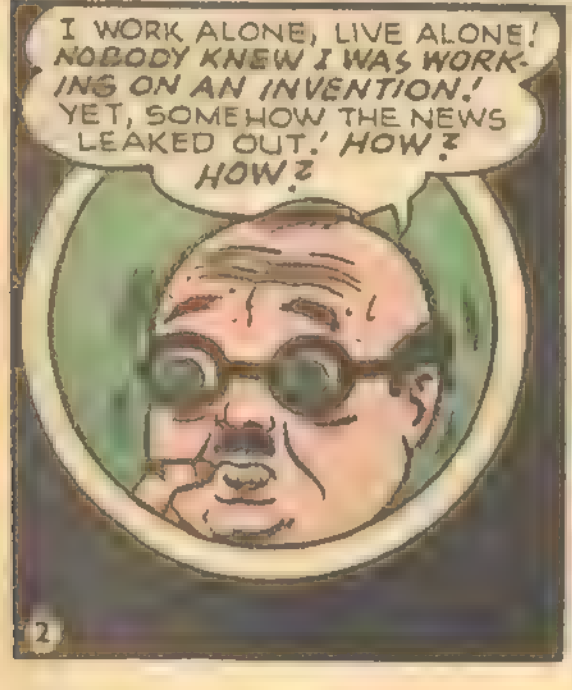

SOMEWHERE ON A LONELY STRETCH OF HIGHWAY, A ROAD BLOCK STOPS AN INTER-STATE TRUCK...
GET OUT OF THAT TRUCK! WE'RE TAKIN' OVER!
HIJACKERS!


SOMETIME AFTER... A PENCIL OF LIGHT MARKS AN AWESOME SYMBOL AGAINST THE NIGHT SKY!
LOOK, BATMAN—THE BAT SIGNAL!
THAT'S POLICE HEADQUARTERS CALLING US, ROBIN! SOMETHING SPECIAL MUST HAVE HAPPENED!


SOON, AT HEADQUARTERS...
THIS IS HARLAN BATES! TONIGHT, HIS INVENTION WAS STOLEN FROM A TRUCK THAT WAS TRANSPORTING IT TO A SECRET LABORATORY.
WHAT'S PUZZLING ME IS HOW THE HIJACKERS KNEW MY INVENTION WAS ON THAT TRUCK!


I WORK ALONE, LIVE ALONE! NOBODY KNEW I WAS WORKING ON AN INVENTION! YET, SOMEHOW THE NEWS LEAKED OUT! HOW? HOW?
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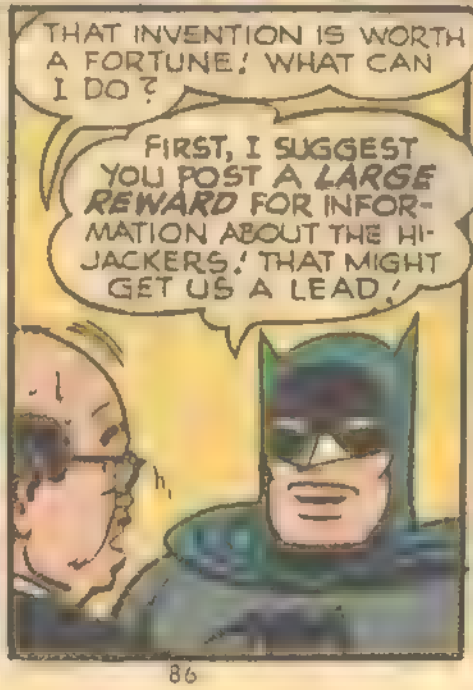
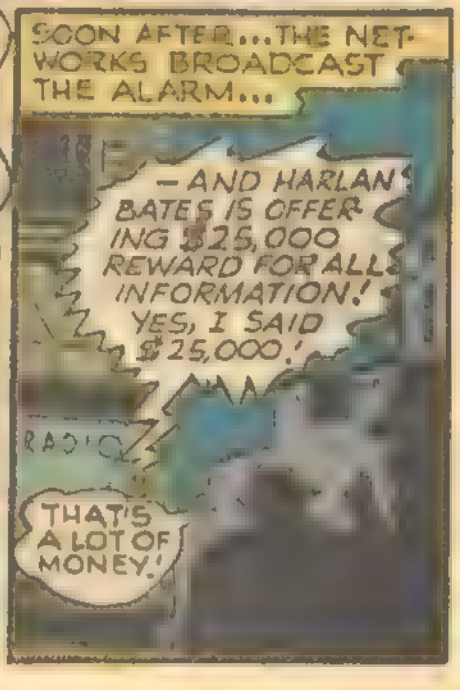
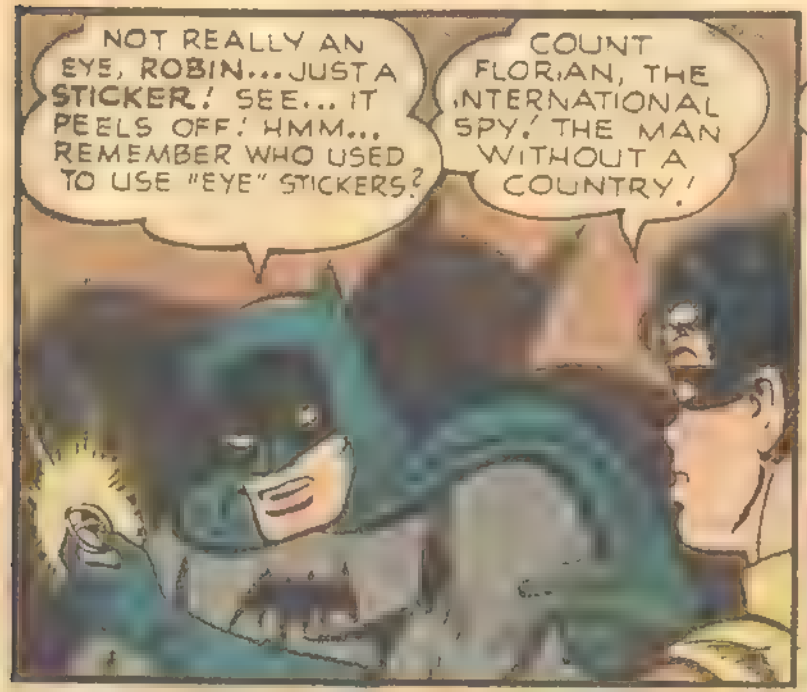
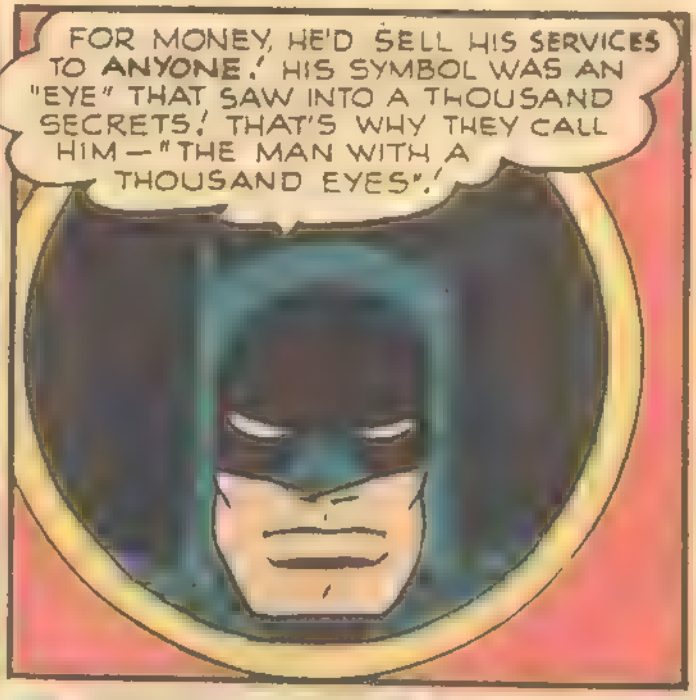

THAT INVENTION IS WORTH A FORTUNE! WHAT CAN I DO?
FIRST, I SUGGEST YOU POST A LARGE REWARD FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE HIJACKERS! THAT MIGHT GET US A LEAD!


SOON AFTER...THE NETWORKS BROADCAST THE ALARM...
—AND HARLAN BATES IS OFFERING $25,000 REWARD FOR ALL INFORMATION! YES, I SAID $25,000!
RADIO
THAT'S A LOT OF MONEY!

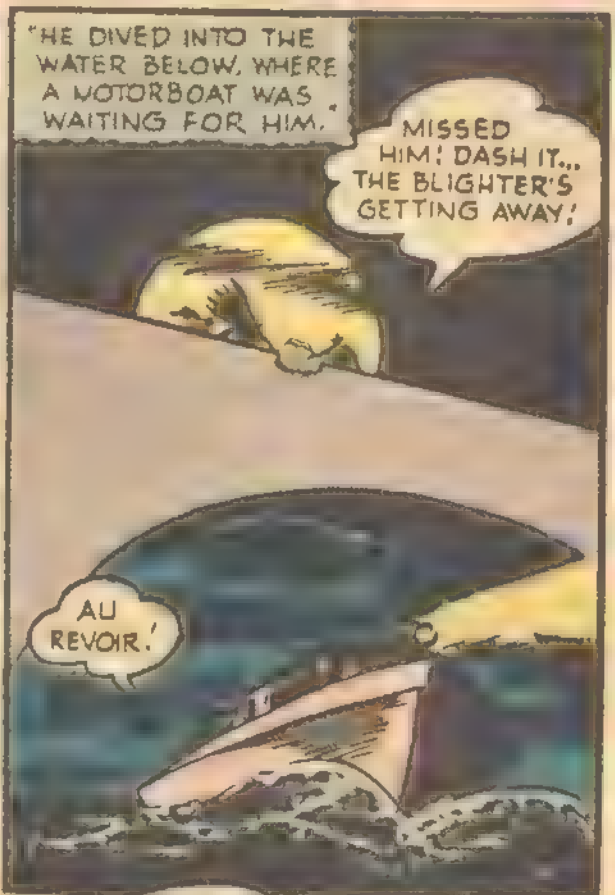
MAN WITH 1,000 EYES

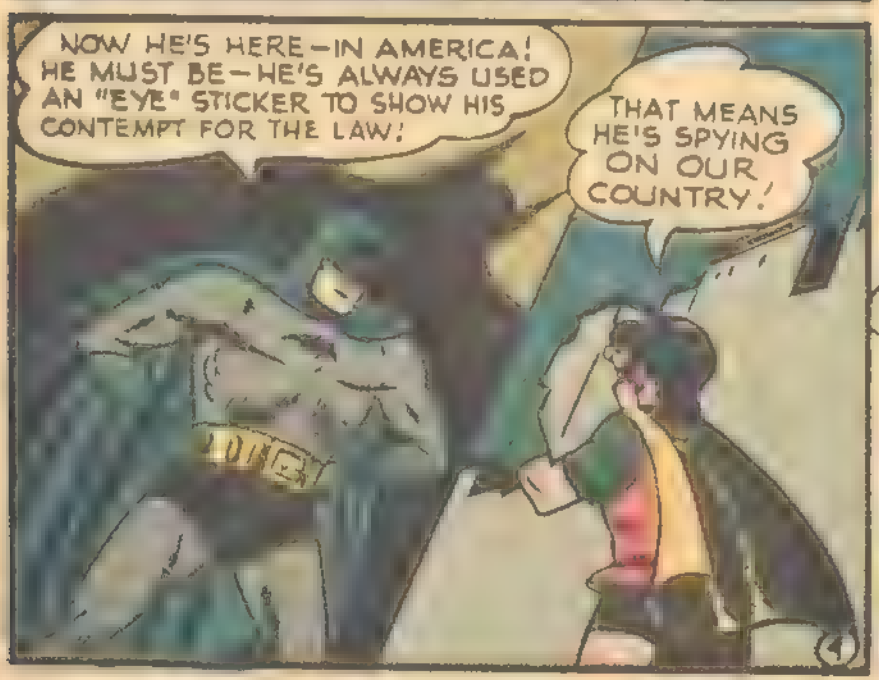
LATER... THE TEMPTING OFFER BRINGS RESULTS!
IT'S SOMEBODY WITH INFORMATION FOR SALE!
BRING THE $25,000 WITH YOU TO BAKER AND MALL STREETS! I'LL BE WEARIN' A CHECKED SUIT!
STILL LATER... AT THE MEETING PLACE!
RESTAURANT
HERE'S YOUR REWARD, DOUBLE-CROSSER!
RAT-TAT-TAT
RAT-TAT-TAT
THE MURDER CAR TURNS THE CORNER, JUST AS THE MANHUNTERS ARRIVE TO KEEP THEIR APPOINTMENT!
I HEARD MACHINE GUN FIRE!
I HAVE A HUNCH OUR INFORMER WON'T EVER TALK AGAIN! LOOK!
EVEN AS THE GUN SNOUT SWIVELS, BATMAN SWEEPS HIS COMPANIONS TO THE GROUND!
DOWN!
BATES, CALL POLICE HEADQUARTERS—FAST! ROBIN AND I WILL TAKE A A LOOK AT THE MAN THEY SHOT!
OH MY!
AS BATMAN ROLLS THE TIPSTER OVER, HE GETS THE SHOCK OF HIS LIFE!
BATMAN... LOOK! HE HAS THREE EYES!
I-I'M... HIT-B-BAD..

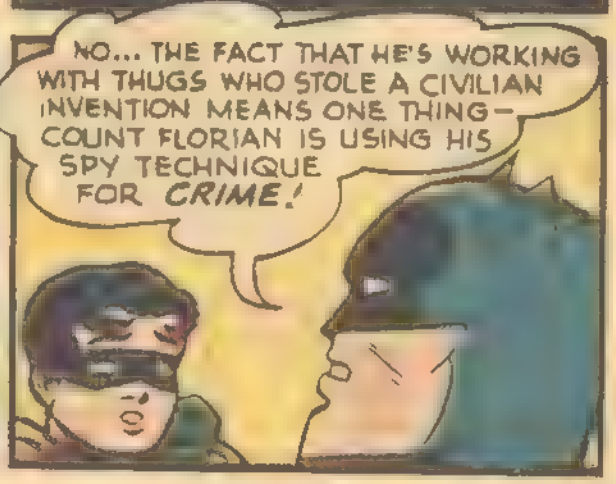

NOT REALLY AN EYE, ROBIN... JUST A STICKER! SEE... IT PEELS OFF! HMM... REMEMBER WHO USED TO USE "EYE" STICKERS?
COUNT FLORIAN, THE INTERNATIONAL SPY! THE MAN WITHOUT A COUNTRY!


FOR MONEY, HE'D SELL HIS SERVICES TO ANYONE! HIS SYMBOL WAS AN "EYE" THAT SAW INTO A THOUSAND SECRETS! THAT'S WHY THEY CALL HIM—"THE MAN WITH A THOUSAND EYES"!

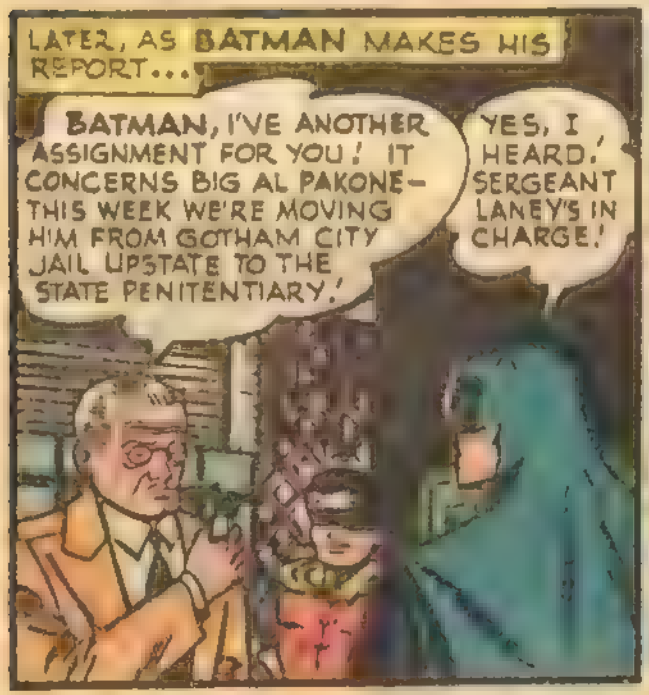
"THE LAST TIME WE RAN ACROSS HIM WAS IN LONDON, WHEN WE WORKED WITH INSPECTOR SMYTHE OF SCOTLAND YARD..."
YOU HAVE ONE WEAKNESS, BATMAN... YOU FIGHT FAIR— BUT I DON'T!


"HE DIVED INTO THE WATER BELOW, WHERE A MOTORBOAT WAS WAITING FOR HIM.
MISSED HIM! DASH IT... THE BLIGHTER'S GETTING AWAY!
AU REVOIR!

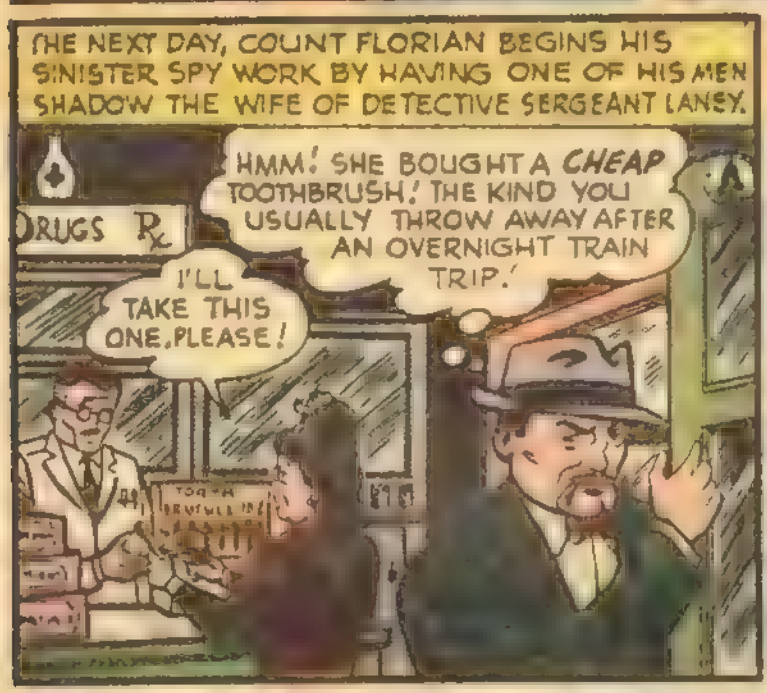

NOW HE'S HERE—IN AMERICA! HE MUST BE—HE'S ALWAYS USED AN "EYE" STICKER TO SHOW HIS CONTEMPT FOR THE LAW!
THAT MEANS HE'S SPYING ON OUR COUNTRY!

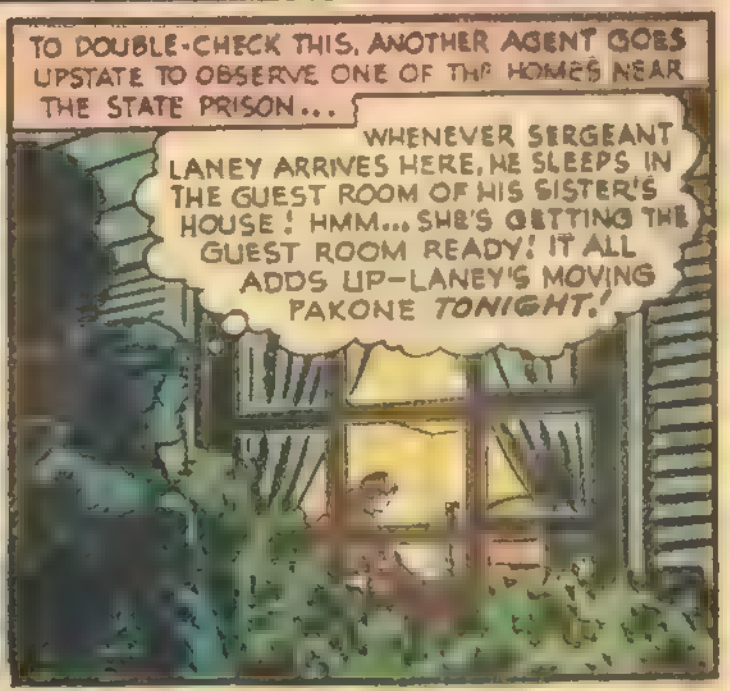

NO... THE FACT THAT HE'S WORKING WITH THUGS WHO STOLE A CIVILIAN INVENTION MEANS ONE THING— COUNT FLORIAN IS USING HIS SPY TECHNIQUE FOR CRIME!

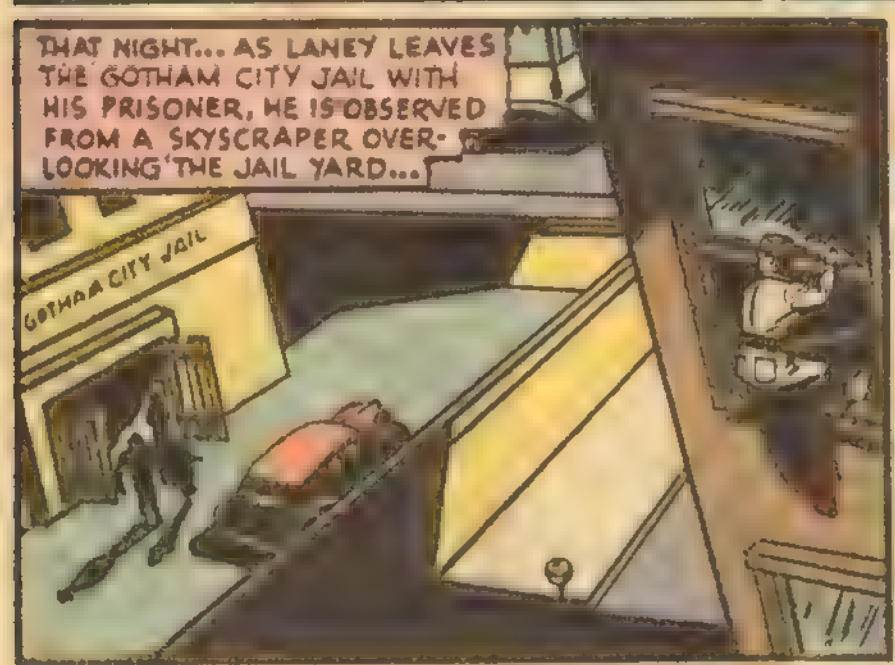
MAN WITH 1,000 EYES

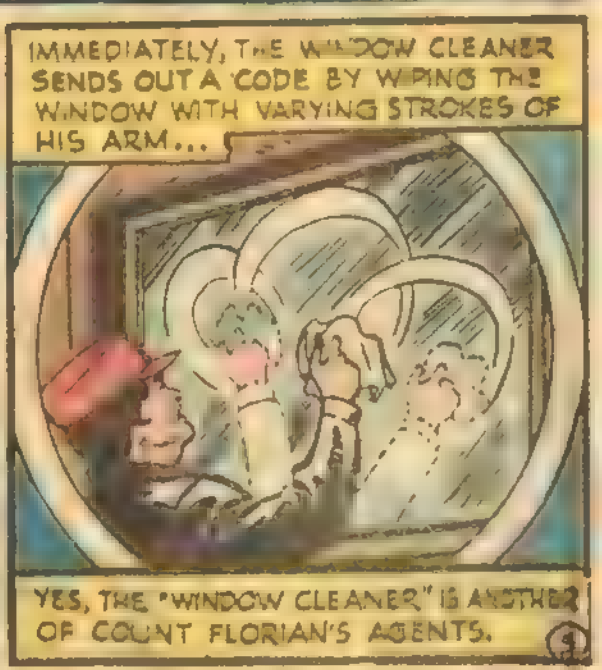

LATER, AS BATMAN MAKES HIS REPORT...
BATMAN, I'VE ANOTHER ASSIGNMENT FOR YOU! IT CONCERNS BIG AL PAKONE— THIS WEEK WE'RE MOVING HIM FROM GOTHAM CITY JAIL UPSTATE TO THE STATE PENITENTIARY.'
YES, I HEARD.' SERGEANT LANEY'S IN CHARGE!

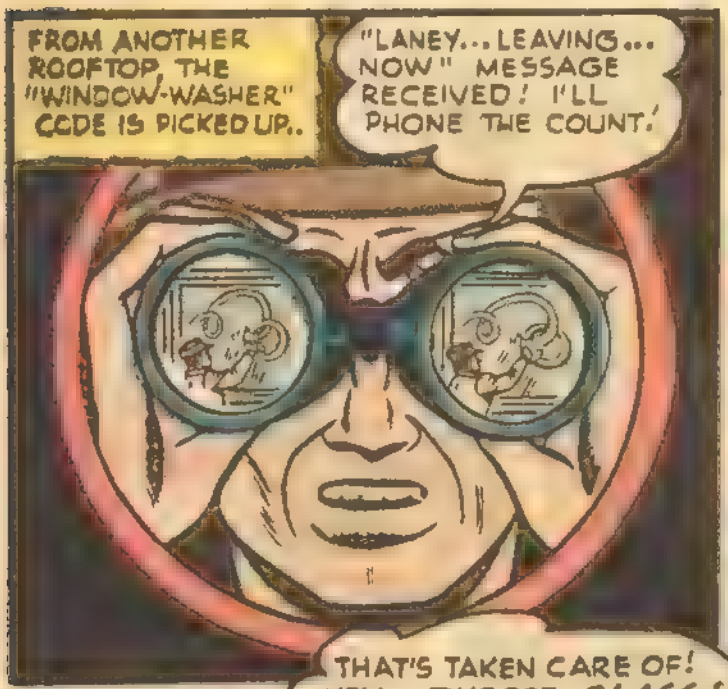
ELSEWHERE... IN A CRIMINAL HANGOUT, PAKONE'S MOB HAS A MEETING...
BOYS, THE COPS EXPECT WE'LL TRY TO FREE THE BOSS, SO THEY'RE KEEPING HIS MOVING DAY A SECRET!
DON'T WORRY. NOW THAT WE'VE HIRED THE SPY SERVICE OF COUNT FLORIAN, WE'LL LEARN ALL THE DETAILS!

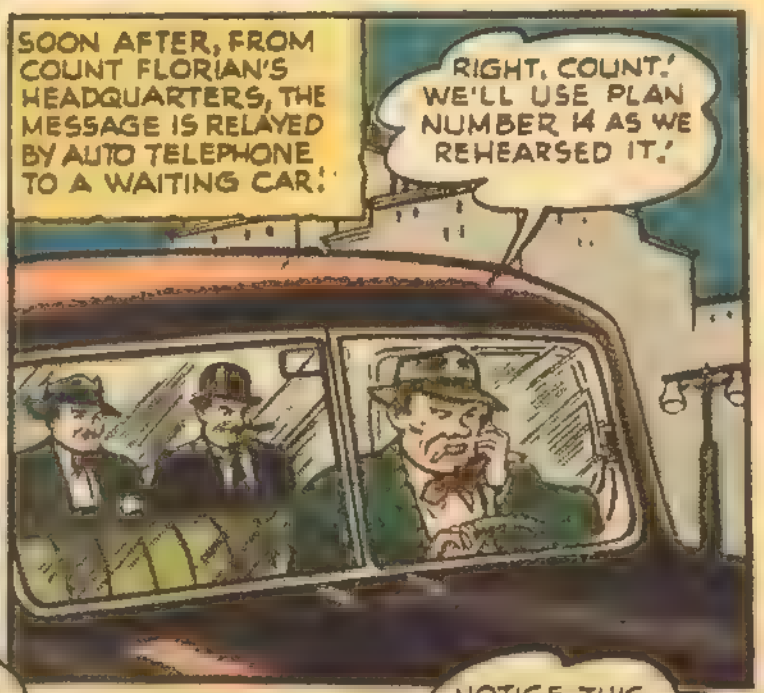

THE NEXT DAY, COUNT FLORIAN BEGINS HIS SINISTER SPY WORK BY HAVING ONE OF HIS MEN SHADOW THE WIFE OF DETECTIVE SERGEANT LANEY.
DRUGS Rx
HMM! SHE BOUGHT A CHEAP TOOTHBRUSH! THE KIND YOU USUALLY THROW AWAY AFTER AN OVERNIGHT TRAIN TRIP.'
I'LL TAKE THIS ONE, PLEASE!

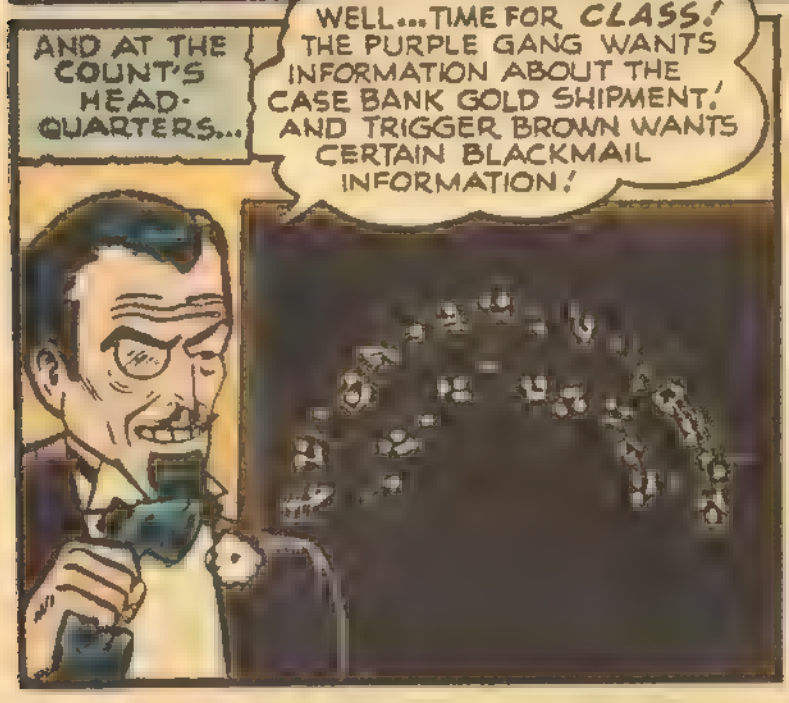

TO DOUBLE-CHECK THIS, ANOTHER AGENT GOES UPSTATE TO OBSERVE ONE OF THE HOMES NEAR THE STATE PRISON...
WHENEVER SERGEANT LANEY ARRIVES HERE, HE SLEEPS IN THE GUEST ROOM OF HIS SISTER'S HOUSE! HMM... SHE'S GETTING THE GUEST ROOM READY! IT ALL ADDS UP—LANEY'S MOVING PAKONE TONIGHT!

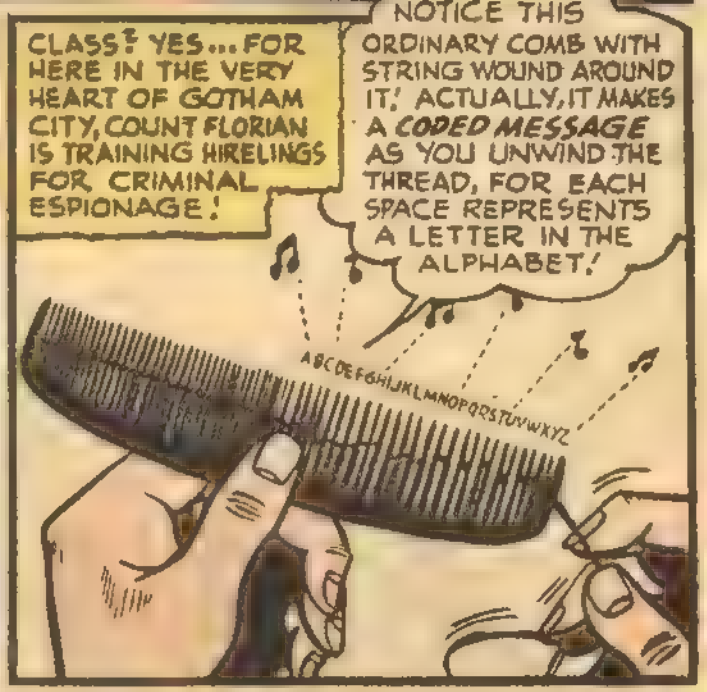

THAT NIGHT... AS LANEY LEAVES THE GOTHAM CITY JAIL WITH HIS PRISONER, HE IS OBSERVED FROM A SKYSCRAPER OVERLOOKING THE JAIL YARD...
GOTHAM CITY JAIL


IMMEDIATELY, THE WINDOW CLEANER SENDS OUT A CODE BY WIPING THE WINDOW WITH VARYING STROKES OF HIS ARM...
YES, THE "WINDOW CLEANER" IS ANOTHER OF COUNT FLORIAN'S AGENTS.


FROM ANOTHER ROOFTOP, THE "WINDOW-WASHER" CODE IS PICKED UP..
"LANEY... LEAVING... NOW" MESSAGE RECEIVED! I'LL PHONE THE COUNT.'


SOON AFTER, FROM COUNT FLORIAN'S HEADQUARTERS, THE MESSAGE IS RELAYED BY AUTO TELEPHONE TO A WAITING CAR!
RIGHT, COUNT.' WE'LL USE PLAN NUMBER 14 AS WE REHEARSED IT.'


AND AT THE COUNT'S HEAD-QUARTERS...
THAT'S TAKEN CARE OF! WELL... TIME FOR CLASS! THE PURPLE GANG WANTS INFORMATION ABOUT THE CASE BANK GOLD SHIPMENT.' AND TRIGGER BROWN WANTS CERTAIN BLACKMAIL INFORMATION!


CLASS? YES... FOR HERE IN THE VERY HEART OF GOTHAM CITY, COUNT FLORIAN IS TRAINING HIRELINGS FOR CRIMINAL ESPIONAGE!
NOTICE THIS ORDINARY COMB WITH STRING WOUND AROUND IT.' ACTUALLY, IT MAKES A CODED MESSAGE AS YOU UNWIND THE THREAD, FOR EACH SPACE REPRESENTS A LETTER IN THE ALPHABET.'
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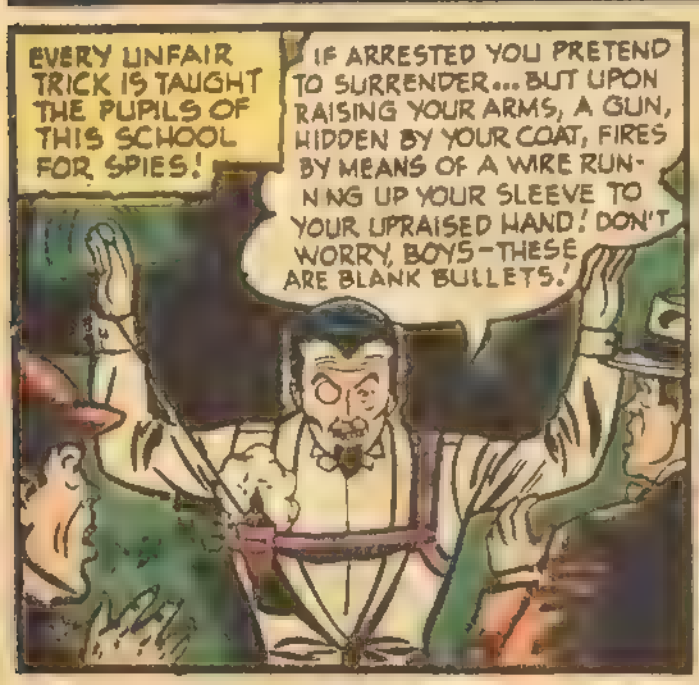
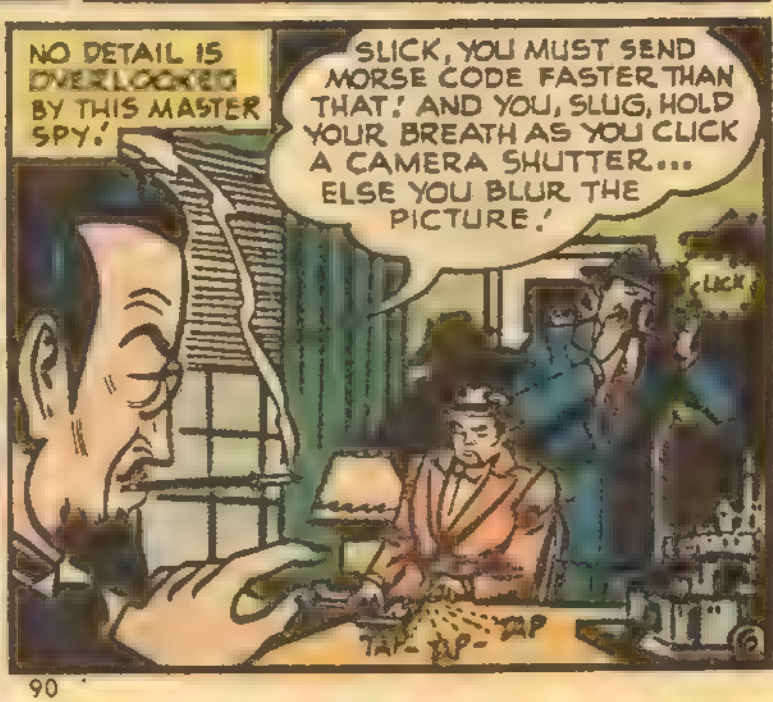
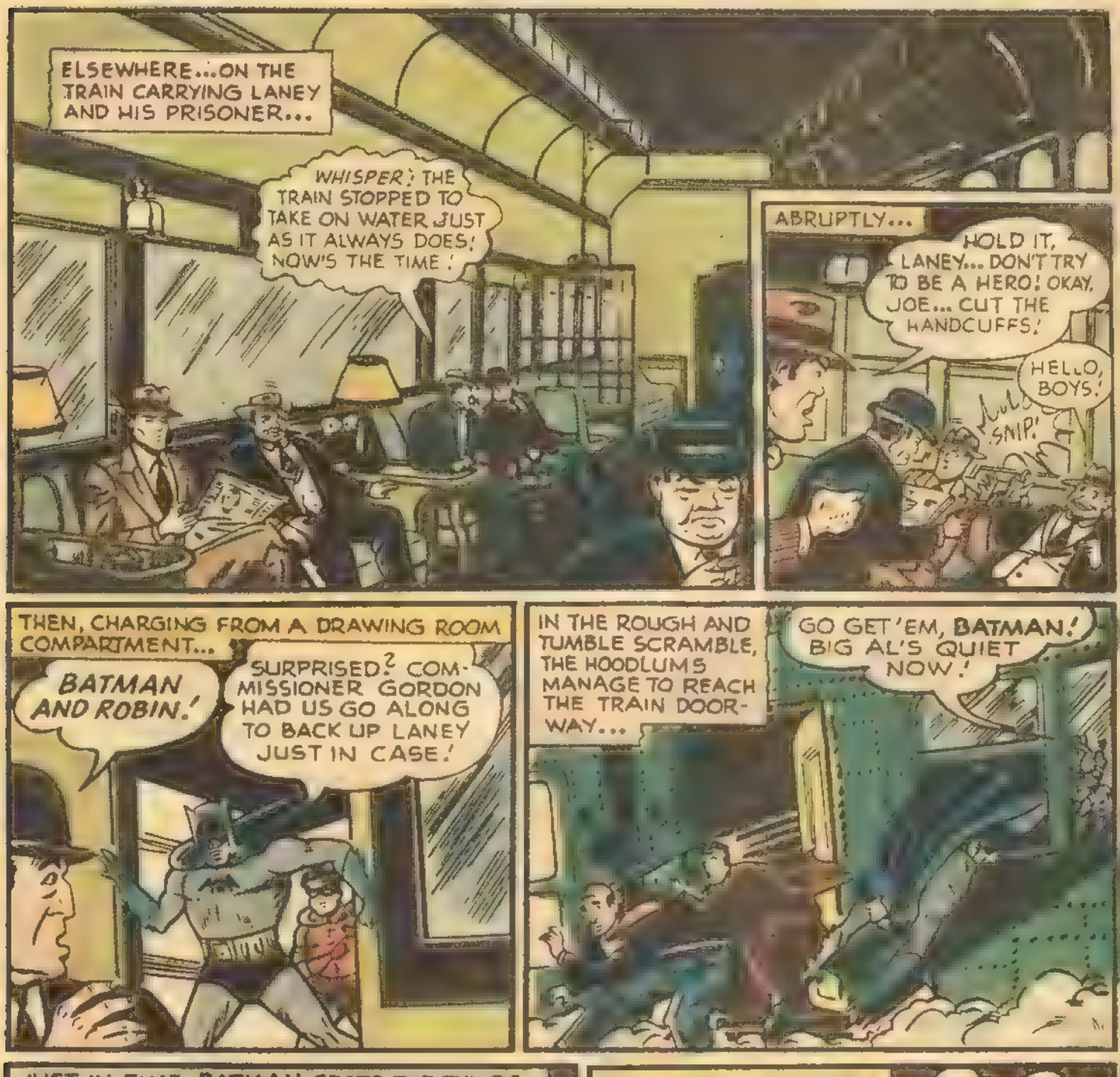

EVERY UNFAIR TRICK IS TAUGHT THE PUPILS OF THIS SCHOOL FOR SPIES!
IF ARRESTED YOU PRETEND TO SURRENDER... BUT UPON RAISING YOUR ARMS, A GUN, HIDDEN BY YOUR COAT, FIRES BY MEANS OF A WIRE RUNNING UP YOUR SLEEVE TO YOUR UPRAISED HAND! DON'T WORRY, BOYS—THESE ARE BLANK BULLETS!


NO DETAIL IS OVERLOOKED BY THIS MASTER SPY!
SLICK, YOU MUST SEND MORSE CODE FASTER THAN THAT! AND YOU, SLUG, HOLD YOUR BREATH AS YOU CLICK A CAMERA SHUTTER... ELSE YOU BLUR THE PICTURE!
CLICK
TAP-TAP-TAP

MAN WITH 1,000 EYES


ELSEWHERE...ON THE TRAIN CARRYING LANEY AND HIS PRISONER...
WHISPER! THE TRAIN STOPPED TO TAKE ON WATER JUST AS IT ALWAYS DOES! NOW'S THE TIME!
ABRUPTLY...
HOLD IT, LANEY... DON'T TRY TO BE A HERO! OKAY, JOE... CUT THE HANDCUFFS!
HELLO, BOYS!
SNIP!
THEN, CHARGING FROM A DRAWING ROOM COMPARTMENT...
BATMAN AND ROBIN!
SURPRISED? COMMISSIONER GORDON HAD US GO ALONG TO BACK UP LANEY JUST IN CASE!
IN THE ROUGH AND TUMBLE SCRAMBLE, THE HOODLUMS MANAGE TO REACH THE TRAIN DOORWAY...
GO GET 'EM, BATMAN! BIG AL'S QUIET NOW!
JUST IN TIME BATMAN SPOTS THE THUGS HURLING TWO SLIM OBJECTS AT HIM!
PENCIL BOMBS! THE KIND USED BY SABOTEURS IN THE LAST WAR!
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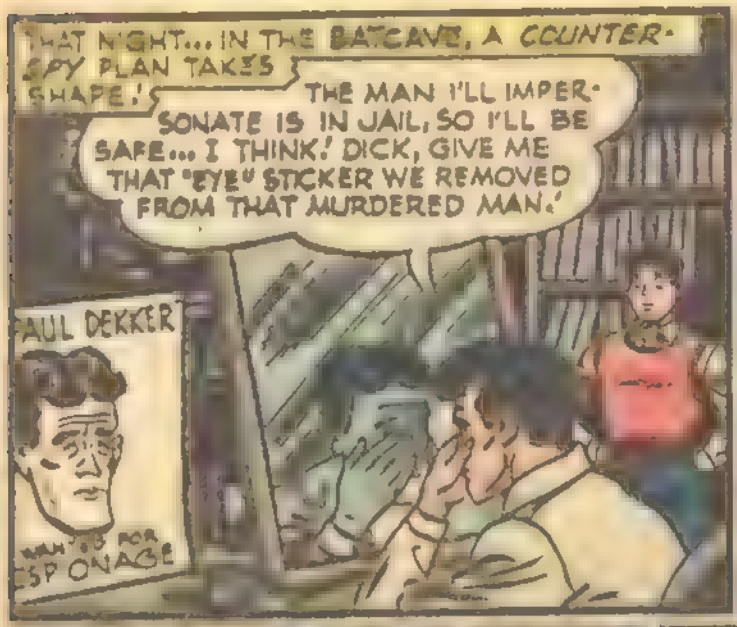
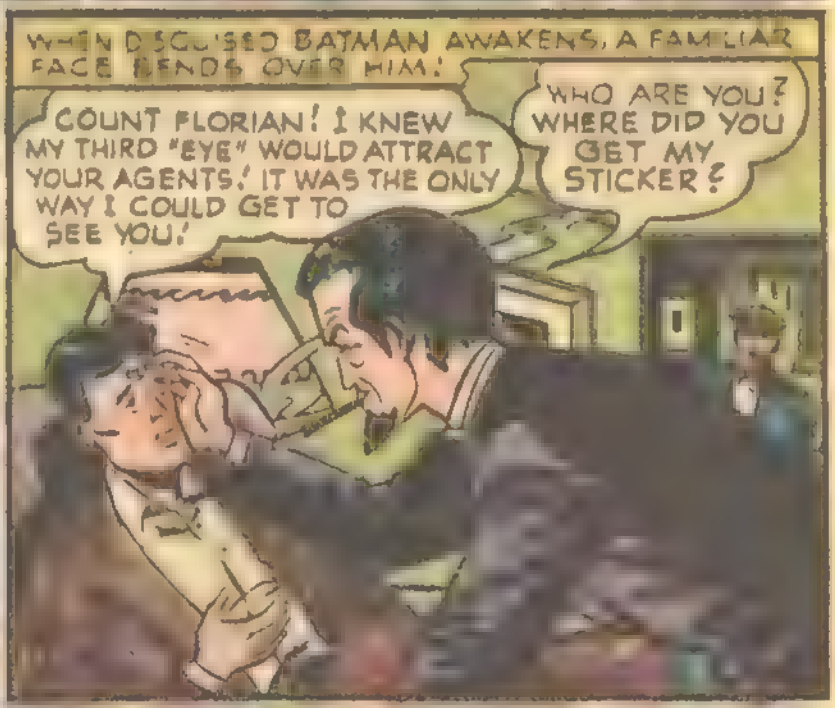
A WAITING CAR SPEEDS UP AND THE CRIMINALS ESCAPE—BUT WITHOUT BIG AL!
COUNT? COUNT FLORIAN... HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS, TOO!
HURRY! YOU BUNGLED THE ASSIGNMENT! THE COUNT WILL BE ANGRY!
BUT IT WASN'T OUR FAULT!


THAT NIGHT... IN THE BATCAVE, A COUNTER-SPY PLAN TAKES SHAPE!
THE MAN I'LL IMPERSONATE IS IN JAIL, SO I'LL BE SAFE... I THINK! DICK, GIVE ME THAT "EYE" STICKER WE REMOVED FROM THAT MURDERED MAN!
PAUL DEKKER
WANTED FOR ESPIONAGE

AFTERWARD, IN A CRIMINAL HANGOUT, THE DISGUISED BATMAN PRETENDS TO HAVE HIS HAT ACCIDENTALLY PUSHED FROM HIS HEAD...
WHAT... MY HAT!
DIDJA SEE—HE'S GOT THREE EYES! THE GUY MUST BE A FREAK!

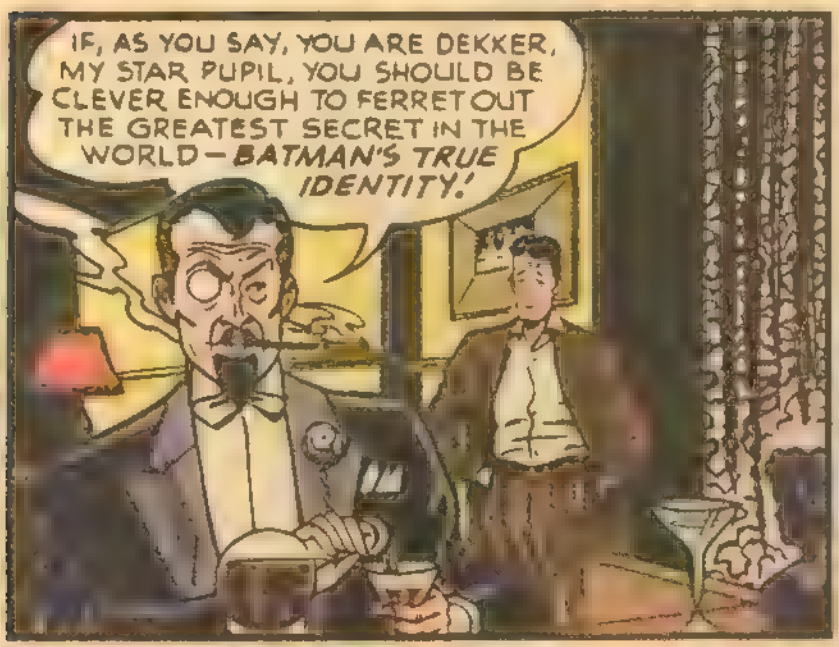
LATER, AS DEKKER LEAVES, TWO FIGURES LEAP FROM HIDING!
THREE EYES, HUH? WE BETTER LET THE COUNT TAKE A LOOK AT THIS GUY! I AIN'T NEVER SEEN HIM IN OUR CLASS BEFORE!

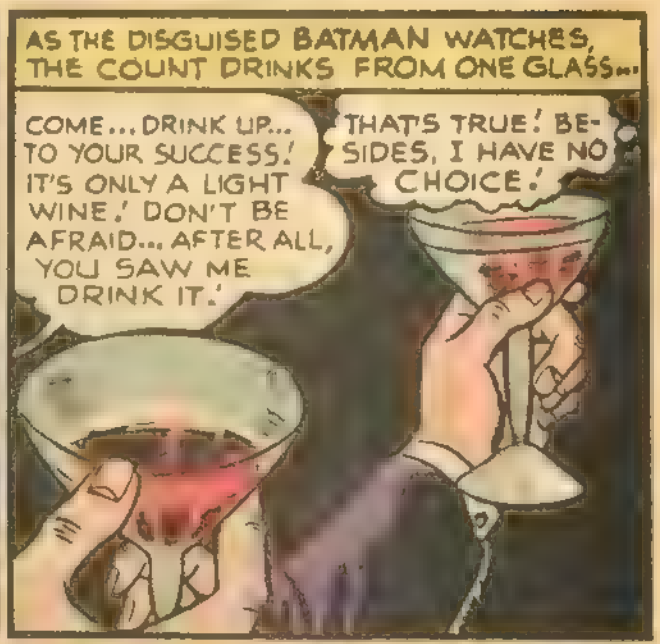

WHEN DISGUISED BATMAN AWAKENS, A FAMILIAR FACE BENDS OVER HIM!
COUNT FLORIAN! I KNEW MY THIRD "EYE" WOULD ATTRACT YOUR AGENTS! IT WAS THE ONLY WAY I COULD GET TO SEE YOU!
WHO ARE YOU? WHERE DID YOU GET MY STICKER?

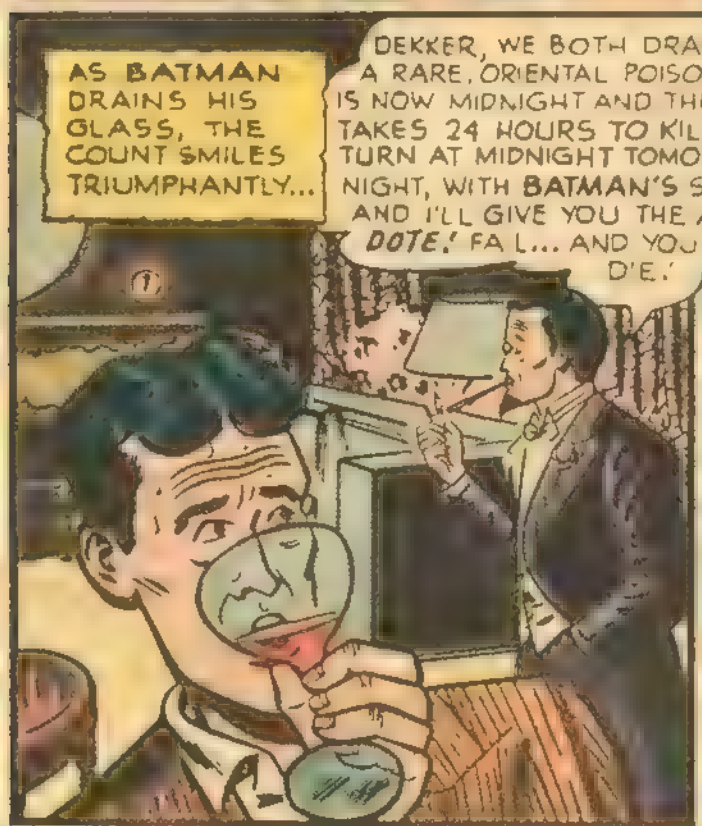
FROM YOU... WHEN YOU WERE TEACHING A CLASS IN ESPIONAGE IN THE KINGDOM OF BOGLOVIA! I WAS YOUR STAR PUPIL! DON'T YOU REMEMBER PAUL DEKKER?
DEKKER, OF COURSE! BUT DEKKER'S IN JAIL!

OBVIOUSLY I'M NOT! NOW COUNT, I WISH TO JOIN YOUR ORGANIZATION!
HE LOOKS LIKE DEKKER, YET HE COULD BE BATMAN! THE BATMAN IS A MASTER OF DISGUISE! I HAVE IT—I'LL TEST HIM!

MAN WITH 1,000 EYES


IF, AS YOU SAY, YOU ARE DEKKER, MY STAR PUPIL, YOU SHOULD BE CLEVER ENOUGH TO FERRET OUT THE GREATEST SECRET IN THE WORLD—BATMAN'S TRUE IDENTITY!


AS THE DISGUISED BATMAN WATCHES, THE COUNT DRINKS FROM ONE GLASS...
COME... DRINK UP... TO YOUR SUCCESS! IT'S ONLY A LIGHT WINE! DON'T BE AFRAID... AFTER ALL, YOU SAW ME DRINK IT!
THAT'S TRUE! BESIDES, I HAVE NO CHOICE!


AS BATMAN DRAINS HIS GLASS, THE COUNT SMILES TRIUMPHANTLY...
DEKKER, WE BOTH DRANK A RARE, ORIENTAL POISON! IT IS NOW MIDNIGHT AND THE POISON TAKES 24 HOURS TO KILL! RETURN AT MIDNIGHT TOMORROW NIGHT, WITH BATMAN'S SECRET, AND I'LL GIVE YOU THE ANTIDOTE! FAIL... AND YOU'LL DIE!
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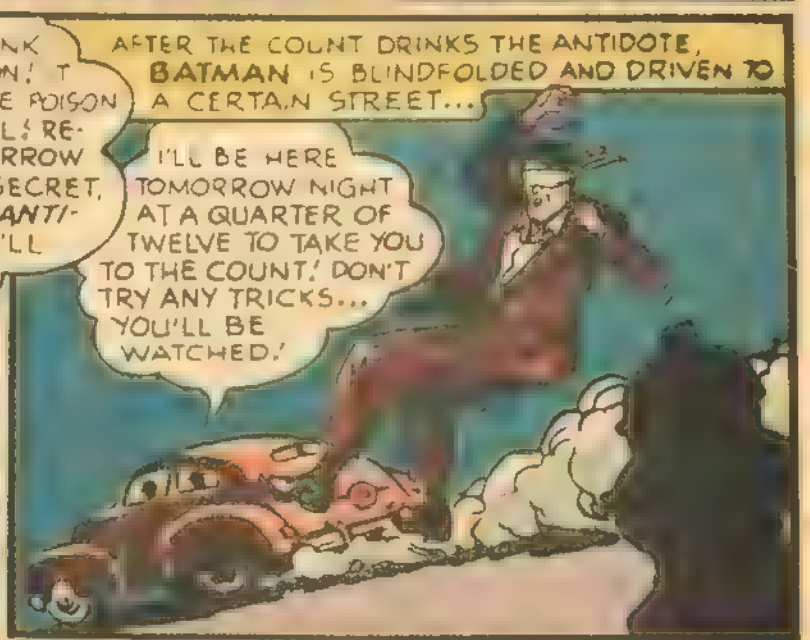
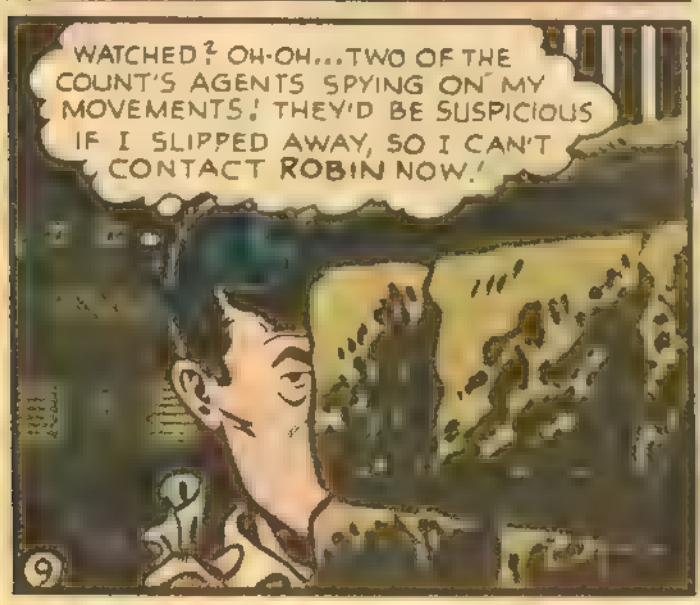

AFTER THE COUNT DRINKS THE ANTIDOTE, BATMAN IS BLINDFOLDED AND DRIVEN TO A CERTAIN STREET...
I'LL BE HERE TOMORROW NIGHT AT A QUARTER OF TWELVE TO TAKE YOU TO THE COUNT! DON'T TRY ANY TRICKS... YOU'LL BE WATCHED!


WATCHED? OH-OH... TWO OF THE COUNT'S AGENTS SPYING ON MY MOVEMENTS! THEY'D BE SUSPICIOUS IF I SLIPPED AWAY, SO I CAN'T CONTACT ROBIN NOW!
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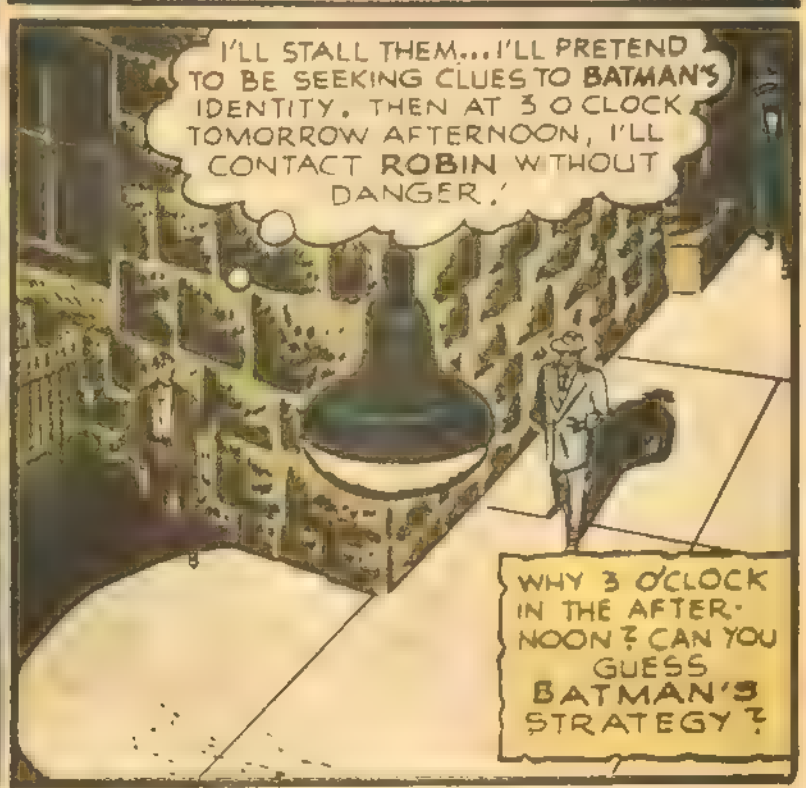
I'LL STALL THEM... I'LL PRETEND TO BE SEEKING CLUES TO BATMAN'S IDENTITY. THEN AT 3 O CLOCK TOMORROW AFTERNOON, I'LL CONTACT ROBIN WITHOUT DANGER!
WHY 3 O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON? CAN YOU GUESS BATMAN'S STRATEGY?

PLAYING HIS ROLE OF A SPY TRYING TO LEARN BATMAN'S IDENTITY, "DEKKER" VISITS A WAX MUSEUM...
LIFESIZE FIGURE BATMAN AND ROBIN battlin the JOKER
HE'S USING A TAPE MEASURE! HE FIGURES BATMAN'S MEASUREMENTS WILL GIVE HIM A LEAD!
LATER... AT A THEATER SHOWING A BATMAN DOCUMENTARY FILM...
...AND ALWAYS REMEMBER YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT IS YOUR PROTECTION!
DEKKER'S GOT HIS EYES CLOSED! HE'S TRYING TO PLACE BATMAN'S VOICE! SMART!
STILL LATER... WHEN "DEKKER" LEAVES A PARK BENCH WHERE HE HAD BEEN WORKING FOR A LONG TIME...
SEE... HE WAS MAKING SKETCHES OF DIFFERENT FACES UNDER BATMAN'S MASK... TRYING TO FILL IN THE FEATURES! THAT DEKKER GUY IS CLEVER! I GUESS HE IS THE REAL McCOY!
UNTIL, FINALLY IT IS 3 O'CLOCK... WHEN DICK GRAYSON'S SCHOOL LETS OUT ITS LAST CLASS!
THERE'S DICK NOW! HE'S SEEN ME!
BATMAN! BUT HE'S WALKING RIGHT PAST ME! THAT MEANS HE DOESN'T WANT ME TO APPROACH HIM!
LATER... THE DISGUISED BATMAN SPENDS SOME TIME IN A PENNY ARCADE...
TRY YOUR SKILL! PUNCH the BAG 5 min ONLY 1¢
RAT-TAT-TAT-TAT-TAT-TAT
FOR BY REGULATION 3 INCHES, BATMAN IS SENDING OUT A MORSE CODE MESSAGE TO DICK!
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MAN WITH 1,000 EYES

LATER... AT EXACTLY A QUARTER OF TWELVE...
OKAY, DEKKER... THE COUNT'S WAITING!
MOMENTS LATER... WHEN THE BLINDFOLD IS REMOVED...
COUNT, IF YOU PROMISE TO GIVE ME THE ANTIDOTE, I'LL TELL YOU WHO BATMAN IS AT THIS VERY MOMENT!
VERY WELL... YOU HAVE MY WORD! WHO IS BATMAN?
AT THIS MOMENT... I AM BATMAN!
YOU... YOU TRICKED ME! YOU REVEALED YOURSELF WITHOUT REVEALING YOUR SECRET IDENTITY!
HERE'S THE ANTIDOTE, BUT THE INSTANT YOU DRAIN THE BEAKER, MY MEN WILL SHOOT YOU DOWN! YOU SEE, I AM KEEPING MY PROMISE— A PROMISE THAT YOU'LL DIE!
SWIFTLY, "DEKKER" SHEDS HIS OUTER GARMENTS, PAWS AT HIS MAKEUP—AND THEN STANDS DRAMATICALLY REVEALED!
AS BATMAN RAISES THE BEAKER TO HIS LIPS—IT BECOMES A SIGNAL FOR THE ENTRANCE OF THE BOY WONDER!
ROBIN!
AND THAT GIVES ME TIME TO DRINK THE ANTIDOTE!
BEFORE THE SPIES CAN RECOVER, ROBIN'S SILKEN ROPE LOOPS ABOUT THEM AND SNARES THEIR ANKLES!
OKAY, BATMAN... THEY'LL TAKE THE COUNT OF TEN WHILE YOU GO AFTER THE COUNT!
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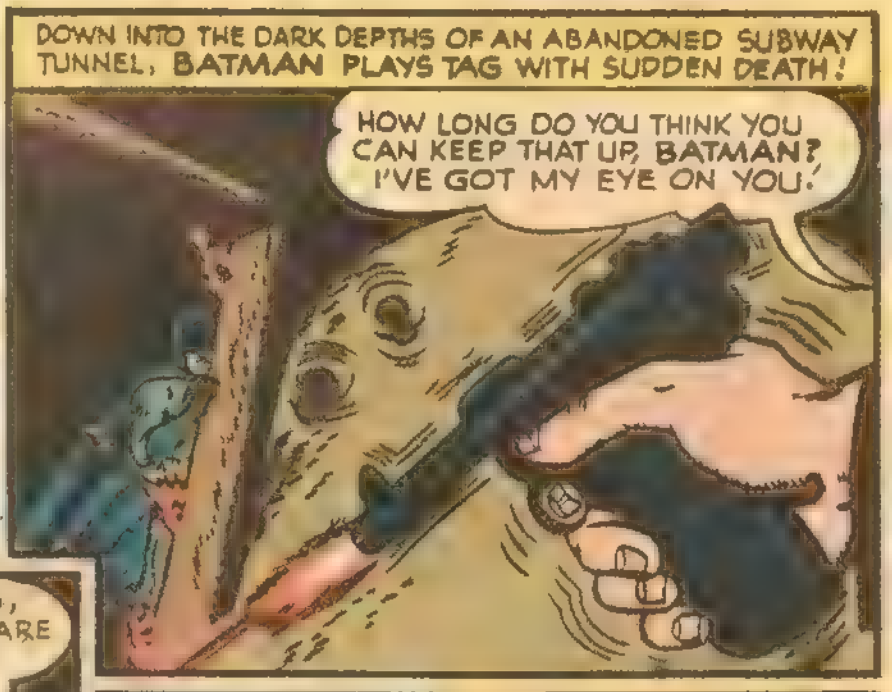
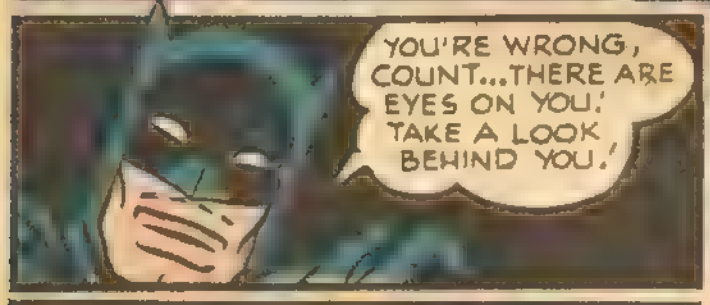
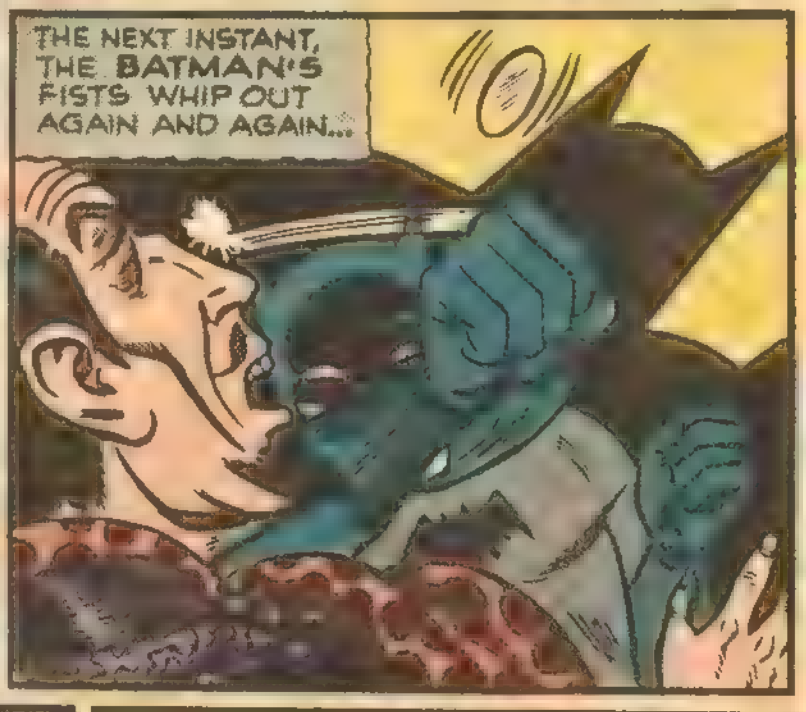
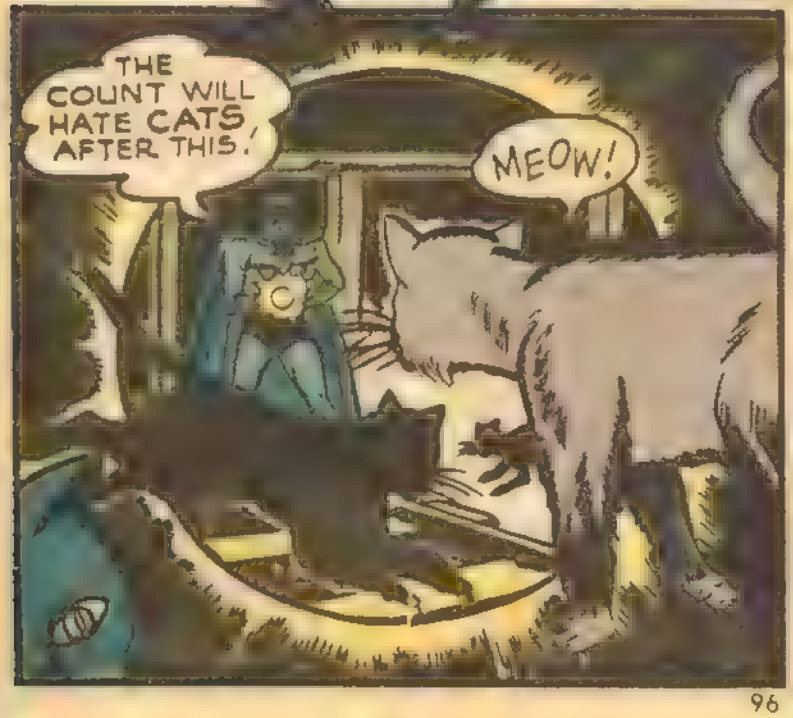
NOW, COUNT... I'LL SETTLE WITH YOU.'

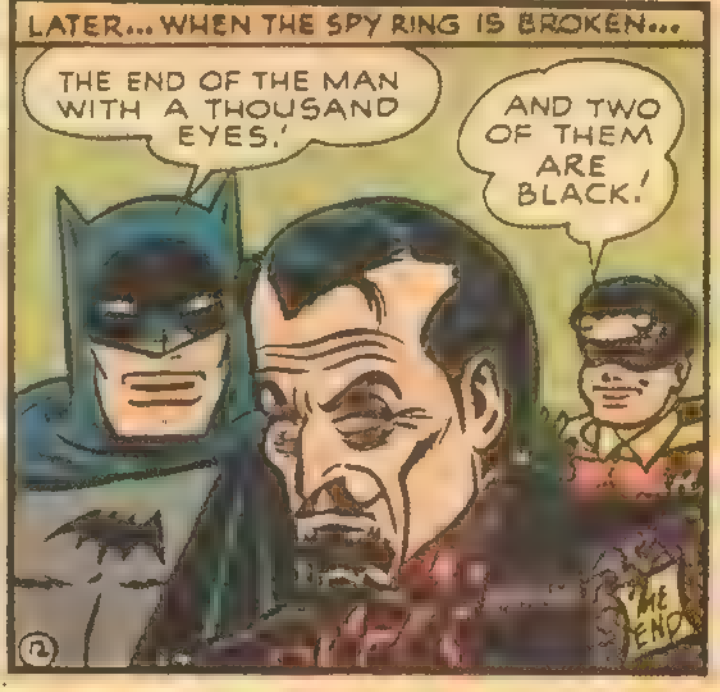

DOWN INTO THE DARK DEPTHS OF AN ABANDONED SUBWAY TUNNEL, BATMAN PLAYS TAG WITH SUDDEN DEATH!
HOW LONG DO YOU THINK YOU CAN KEEP THAT UP, BATMAN? I'VE GOT MY EYE ON YOU.'


YOU'RE WRONG, COUNT...THERE ARE EYES ON YOU! TAKE A LOOK BEHIND YOU.'

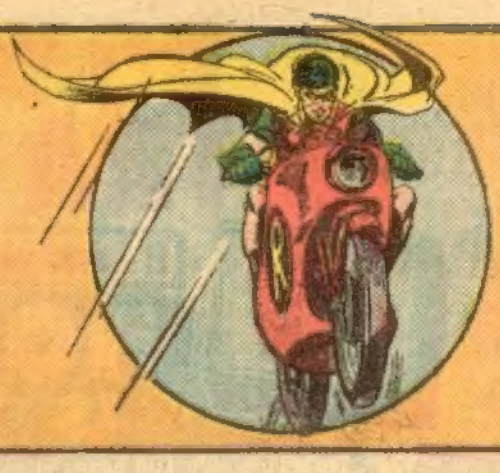

THE NEXT INSTANT, THE BATMAN'S FISTS WHIP OUT AGAIN AND AGAIN...

WHAT... EYES... EYES ALL AROUND ME.'


THE COUNT WILL HATE CATS, AFTER THIS.'
MEOW!


LATER... WHEN THE SPY RING IS BROKEN...
THE END OF THE MAN WITH A THOUSAND EYES.'
AND TWO OF THEM ARE BLACK.'
THE END

RALLY 'ROUND ROBIN



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Dear Sirs:

After buying the latest **BATMAN** and sitting down to peruse its contents, a single fact struck me: There was no new **Robin** story! I wondered why, but then I remembered letters I had seen in favor of your dropping the **Boy Wonder**. I was appalled by this. I have never been a great **Batman** fan. I have, however, been a long-time fan of **Robin**. This and this alone is the reason I buy **BATMAN**! I have often thought that starring him in his own series was a noble undertaking on your part, especially when so many young heroes (like **Speedy** and **Aqualad**) are just so much extra baggage to their grown-up counterparts. But I am horrified at the idea of your dropping **Robin** altogether. He is no "campy" remnant of **Batman's** earlier days, but a fine way of showing the young man's approach to crime and prejudice.

I would never suggest that **Robin** take **Batman's** place. Nor do I think that **Robin** could ever measure up to the **Caped Crusader** in stature or popularity. All I'm saying is that **Robin** is a part of the **Batman** legend and as part of a great team, he should not be done away with.

— MARLA CUMMINS, Troy, OH.

(Being traditionalists — as opposed to chauvinists — we've decided that it's "Ladies first!" in this discussion of what to do with ROBIN. "Spear"-heading a campaign for an independent TEEN WONDER is our next correspondent . . . BR)

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Sir!

No! **No! NO!** Keep **Batman** and **Robin** separate! Every time the two get together, the writer comes up with some excuse to get rid of the **Magnificent Manling** halfway through so **Batman** can steal the limelight. Besides this, some writers are wont to make the **Teen Wonder** look like a poor excuse for a fool just to make the **Masked Manhunter** look better. I tire of seeing **Robin** make dumb mistakes. Sure, **Batman** makes mistakes, too, but they're intelligent mistakes! In short, QUIT PICKING ON MY MAN! Separate, yes . . . teamed, no!

— MARGIE SPEARS, Offutt AFB, NE.

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Dear Editor:

Concerning the question you asked in **BATMAN #256**, I say keep the **Batman** and **Robin** team together. The twenty page **Batman** tale with **Robin** can cover much more intriguing material because of the length and teamwork.

It appears that the **Teen Wonder** is slipping — in the lead story, he is nearly impaled, knocked unconscious, almost eaten by tigers, and his biggest role was holding a spotlight. On the other hand, **Batman** singlehandedly flattens four men, rescues **Robin** and walks a tightrope to catch the criminal.

But the reprint stories showed **Robin** able to stand on his own, use his brains and be resourceful. I'm not dwelling on the past, but please give **Robin** back the stuff that made him **Batman's** valuable partner and not just a tag-along.

— Ms. P.F., Plattsburgh AFB, N.Y.

(And now that we've sampled the feminine points of view, let's see what the guys have to say! . . . BR)

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Dear Editor:

I'd like to see **Robin** with **Batman** in 20-page stories. And forget about changing the **Teen Wonder**! A mustache is unheard of! I like him square!

— STEPHEN KACHINSKY, Middletown, CT.

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Dear Editor:

I vote NO to more **Batman** stories with **Robin**. I prefer to see the **Caped Crusader** portrayed as a loner depending upon himself. An occasional **Robin** appearance (say once every three or four years) is okay, but I'm against anything on a regular basis.

— RANDY CRAWFORD, Minden, W.V.

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Dear Editor:

Batman AND **Robin** are the legend, not **Batman** by himself! Team them up again for **good**!

— BOB LEZON, East Hartford, CT.

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Dear Editor:

It's great to have **Batman** and **Robin** together for a change, but I like to see the **Gotham Guardian** by himself, too. (By the way, I think the **Robin** solo stories smell!)

— GLENN KOWALSKI, Washington, D.C.

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(So there you have it — ROBIN, pro and con — with no clear-cut decision. Can we resolve this to everyone's satisfaction? Well, just keep reading BATMAN as well as (hint, hint!) DETECTIVE COMICS and see our solution! . . . BOB ROZAKIS)

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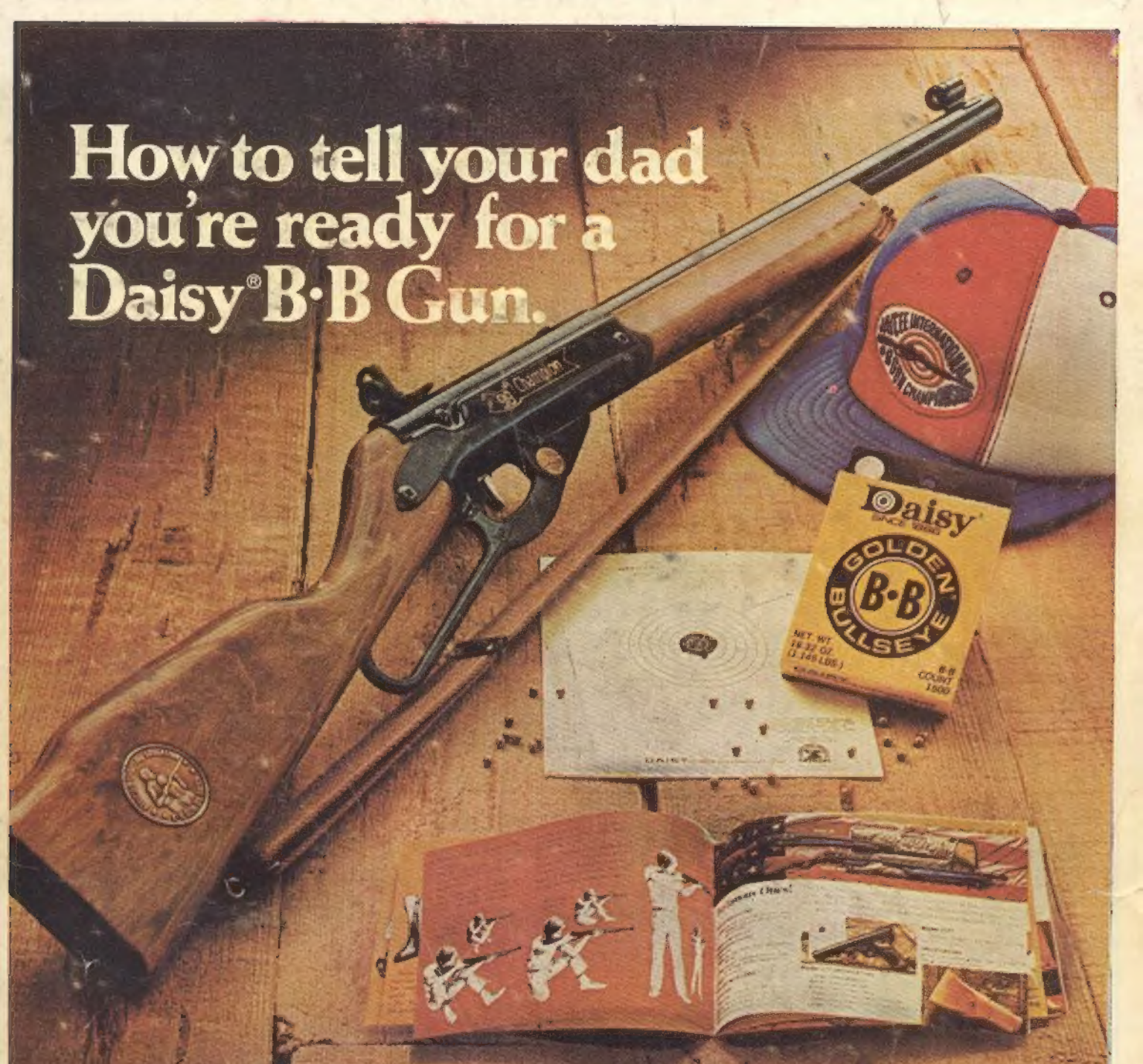

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